

Bird & Bird & Corporate and Private Aviation

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the metal & helping
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Our mission is to combine our deep knowledge of the aviation sector and our legal expertise to develop commercial solutions that make long-term business sense.

Introduction

Bird & Bird is a global law firm. Altogether we have over 900 lawyers and legal practitioners working on our clients' issues and business goals worldwide. We select and develop our people to possess a rare and invaluable grasp of strategic commercial issues. By combining this talent with exceptional legal expertise and deep industry knowledge, our advice is always informed, up to date, focused and relevant. Our recommendations are practical, realistic and clear.

Bird & Bird & Aviation

Our Aviation team is rich with hands-on experience from working within aviation companies and our people are steeped in the way the industry works. As a result, we are appointed to act for many leading aviation businesses, including airlines, aircraft manufacturers, lessors, financiers, groundhandlers, MROs, freight forwarders, insurers, airports, tour operators, industry associations and online booking providers. Our clients in these organisations come to us because we know their business and we share a genuine passion and enthusiasm for the sector.

We relish using our aviation knowledge and experience to get to grips with business issues quickly. It means we can provide timely, practical and commercially realistic advice and support in pursuit of sensible, workable solutions for transactions, ventures, and disputes. We like to be at the leading edge of business and legal developments and to be innovative for our clients' benefit.

Our people join forces to work on client matters across the world, meaning that all of our clients have access to the very best aviation legal expertise available from our firm.

Corporate and private aviation

Corporate and private aviation is an established yet growing segment of the aviation industry, providing owners and lessees with convenience, security, comfort, flexibility and, increasingly, reasonable cost. Our team is experienced acting in:

Ownership, financing and leasing

- Sale and purchase of new and used corporate and private aircraft ranging from small turbo props to helicopters and long-range intercontinental jets
- Financing of corporate and private aircraft and related security arrangements
- Lease agreements for lessors or lessees
- Agreements for the management of aircraft on behalf of their owners
- Arrangements to generate income from chartering aircraft to third parties to help offset the costs of ownership
- Establishing aircraft fractional ownership and lease programmes, both from the perspective of the programme operator and the customer
- Advising on suitable ownership structures, involving consideration of tax issues and appropriate countries for registration
- Advising on VAT in relation to the importation and operation of corporate and private aircraft
- Advising on and negotiating guaranteed return arrangements
- Advising on applicable regulatory issues, including private versus public transport issues
- Agreements for maintenance and manufacturer support programmes

Commercial and operational

- Agreements for the provision of flight crew
- Advising on insurance for corporate and private aircraft, covering the respective interests of owners, financiers and operators

Disputes

- Management agreement disputes
- Repossessions
- Insurance coverage disputes

“Bird & Bird made substantial headway in the aviation field thanks to the merger with aviation boutique Lane and Partners, bringing into the fold heavyweight figures such as William Morton.”

Legal 500 2009

“Bird & Bird Aviation lawyers are described as efficient, open minded and very good communicators.”

Chambers Europe 2010

“You can really rely on their deep, specialised aviation knowledge.”

Chambers and Partners 2010

“Simon Chamberlain He is a top aviation lawyer, skilled in pretty much anything aviation.”

Chambers and Partners 2010

“Paul Briggs ‘Superb aviation knowledge’ and remarkable talent for understanding and reacting to clients’ particular needs.”

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“Clients seek out the team’s assistance because it understands the aviation and aerospace market and is therefore able to offer commercially aware legal advice that is always on the money.”

Chambers and Partners 2010

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