

Aviation

We Make Other Firms Seem a Little Too Big.

Commercial Aviation:

At FMJ, we offer the expertise and resources of a much larger firm with the nimbleness and agility of a small firm.

AirFinance Journal, one of the most respected aviation journals in the world honored FMJ as one of the top commercial aviation law firms in the world and described us as a Minneapolis office with “a New York pedigree.”

Regardless of size, few firms can match the experience and insider knowledge of our Commercial Aviation Group. Members of FMJ's commercial aviation group have experience as in-house counsel to some of the world's largest airlines.

That's why our commercial aviation group has been selected as trusted advisors to airlines, leasing companies, financial institutions and investors active in the purchase, sale, financing and leasing of aircraft. And it's why we have been entrusted with hundreds of transactions collectively worth millions of dollars.

All of which is proof you don't have to be big to think big.

Aircraft Finance and Leasing:

Since FMJ's founding in 1999, our experienced aviation team has successfully negotiated and closed hundreds of commercial aviation leases, sale and financing transactions involving air carriers around the world. Our client base ranges from investors with a portfolio of one aircraft to large international leasing companies with over 400 aircraft in their fleet.

Aviation Litigation:

Aviation is a complex and specialized area. You want experts that understand the industry on your side. FMJ's aviation litigation team has regularly handled aircraft repossessions, lease return condition disputes and FAA enforcement actions, to name a few, in courtrooms throughout the country. The veteran counsel at FMJ have tried many highly recognized cases, including the landmark TWA #841 rollover case.

Our elite team is well-respected in both national and international aviation circles. FMJ attorneys' diverse backgrounds, coupled with their lifelong passion for aviation, make them a unique and powerful team in the industry.

Business Aviation:

Whether you are purchasing your first plane or adding another jet to a corporate fleet, business aviation is full of pitfalls for the unwary aircraft owner or operator. FMJ attorneys advise corporate flight departments and individuals who wish to acquire, lease or share in the use of privately owned aircraft and corporate jets. We have also advised banks, lessors, aviation management companies, charter companies and fractional ownership programs.

Proceed with caution. Businesses that decide to place the company's aircraft in an LLC may find themselves operating an illegal air taxi service. Owners who try to incorporate out of state to avoid sales tax find themselves paying the taxes anyway, with penalties and interest. Erroneous decisions may have real consequences, whether under the rules of the FAA or IRS, or through the loss of

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a limited liability shield against aviation disasters. Our attorneys are experts in the field of aviation and can guide you through safely.

FMJ also represents commercial and private pilots, mechanics, and their employers before the Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board. We handle certificate actions and civil penalties locally, regionally and nationwide.

Let the FMJ aviation experts handle the worries so you can relax and enjoy blue skies.

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