



## Cara L. Van Dell

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Aviation Transaction Manager Cara Van Dell monitors and guides commercial aircraft transactions to a successful close. She routinely works with international airlines, leasing companies and investors on the purchase, sale, leasing and delivery of aircraft worldwide.

While earning her degree in Aviation Management, Cara took flight lessons at the University of North Dakota and worked for Mesaba Airlines. In addition, Cara previously worked for several years as a paralegal, focused in the areas of business law, real estate and litigation. Cara's degree in aviation management and experience working within the airline industry have provided Cara with unique insight into the technical and operational sides of the commercial aviation world.

### Education:

University of North Dakota (Aviation Management coursework and flight lessons 1996-1999)

Saint Cloud State University (BS Aviation Management 2000)

Minnesota Paralegal Institute (Paralegal Certificate 2002)

### Professional Memberships and Associations:

Women in Aviation International

### Practice Areas:

Commercial Aviation

Business Aviation

General Corporate & Business

Mergers & Acquisitions

### Professional Philosophy:

"I understand that my clients operate in an around-the-clock industry and that oftentimes timing can be everything. I do my best to ensure everything is in order so that the transactions happen seamlessly. It is my job to see to it that even the smallest details are taken care of and that all of the components of the transaction are progressing in a timely manner so that my clients can achieve their goal."

### The Rest of the Story:

Cara enjoys "island living" in the Lake Minnetonka area and the many activities the area has to offer. In her spare time she enjoys learning new things, which has included taking flight lessons, golf lessons, learning how to garden, and next up to conquer - learning how to sail and scuba dive. Daughter of a former rock and roll singer, she also enjoys watching live music and every once in a while gets the opportunity to show off her "talent" on the cowbell with the band at reunion concerts.

Power of the Big.  
Spirit of the Small.