

# AVIATION INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

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## INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

Broad and Cassel attorneys providing services to companies operating in the aviation industry come from a broad range of legal practices within the Firm. We are able to handle any legal matter affecting an organization within the field. Our attorneys have represented Florida international airports, flight academies, airline services and technology companies.

We have defended clients against alleged violations of federal aviation regulations and are well versed in preparing Securities and Exchange Commission filings for airports, labor disputes and financing projects. Attorneys have also handled construction projects for transportation facilities, as well as litigation involving construction failure.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Broad and Cassel has been serving clients in the aviation industry for years. We take an integrated approach in addressing a wide variety of legal matters affecting the highly specialized aviation industry by building teams of lawyers that understand your needs. Areas in which our attorneys practice that are beneficial to the aviation industry are:

- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law and Litigation
- Corporate and Securities
- Eminent Domain
- Government Relations
- Land Use and Environmental Law
- Labor and Employment
- Public Finance and Capital Projects
- Public-Private Partnerships

## INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

### GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY (GOAA)

Broad and Cassel attorneys serve as general counsel to GOAA and assist with a variety of legal issues from contract preparation, procurement issues and bond work to labor and employment matters, internal policy and special project agreements, as well as an array of governmental matters, including FAA compliance issues. One of our partners was involved in the sale of over \$700 million worth of bonds for GOAA. And recently a Broad and Cassel associate represented GOAA in negotiations with Ford Motor Company and Chevron for a two-year contract to use two H2ICE buses, which run on hydrogen-powered fuel cell engines, that will transport passengers around Orlando International Airport.

Members of our team have also served as GOAA's bond counsel on various capital improvement projects, trial counsel on numerous, complex, multi-party construction disputes ranging in value up to \$40 million and general construction counsel to GOAA's Construction Committee and Professional Consultants Selection Committee. This work essentially entails Broad and Cassel handling every facet of public construction, including procurement, contracting, dispute resolution and litigation. Some recent capital improvement projects have ranged in excess of one hundred million dollars. The construction litigation matters have ranged up to \$40 million in dispute, and currently involve a \$10 million dollar claim on a \$250 million dollar airport runway project.



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## PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PBIA)

Broad and Cassel attorneys serve as nationwide bankruptcy counsel for the Palm Beach International Airport. Our aviation industry team has represented PBIA in high-profile bankruptcy cases involving Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlines, US Airways, Trans World Airlines (TWA), Alamo Rent a Car, Budget Rent a Car and National Car Rental, to name a few. We also serve as PBIA's special projects counsel on aviation matters across the country. As the center for all air service into Palm Beach County, PBIA hosts approximately 13,000 flights per month.

## SANFORD AVIATION AUTHORITY

Broad and Cassel has served as special counsel for the Sanford Aviation Authority with respect to its eminent domain matters for the expansion of the existing facilities. Broad and Cassel has prepared all of the resolutions, pleadings and filed several individual actions in order to facilitate the expansion of the facilities for the airport.

## WHO WE REPRESENT

Broad and Cassel's aviation industry team has represented many governmental entities throughout Florida, who have come to rely on the guidance of our attorneys in a variety of business and legal matters. Broad and Cassel has previously and/or continues to represent:

- Greater Orlando Aviation Authority;
- Palm Beach International Airport;
- Sanford Aviation Authority - eminent domain and condemnation matters;
- An International Flight Academy covering the entire spectrum of aviation training;
- A comprehensive learning institution that provides advanced aviation training services to professional pilots and maintenance personnel operating in commercial, regional, business, military, government and cargo operations around the world; and
- An aircraft service company.