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Practice Areas

- Aviation
- Litigation
- Finance

Industries

- Aviation, Aerospace & Transportation

Mr. Quinn is a partner and co-leader of Pillsbury's top-ranked aviation practice. He has served on the Governing Committee and as General Counsel and Secretary of the Flight Safety Foundation since 2004. He has served on the Governing Committee of the ABA Forum on Air & Space Law since 1994, including as Chair in 1996-98, and as Editor-in-Chief of its legal journal, *The Air & Space Lawyer*, from 1997-2010. Mr. Quinn was Chief Counsel of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration from 1991-93, and served as counselor to the Secretary of Transportation from 1989-91. He was a Senior Advisor to the Office of the President-elect in 1988.

Mr. Quinn has been acknowledged as a top tier Aviation lawyer in the 2006-2011 editions of *Chambers USA: American's Leading Lawyers for Business*, which has ranked Pillsbury's Aviation practice as "National, Tier 1" since 2006. He has been named in *US News/Best Lawyers in America* for commercial litigation in 2010 and 2011, as part of the *Irish Legal 100* for 2010 and 2011. He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and has served on the Board of its D.C. Chapter since 2008. He has served on the Board of the International Aviation Law Institute of DePaul University since 2005, and as Editor of the *Annals of Air and Space Law* of McGill University since 2006. He has served on the Board of the International Aviation Club since 2008.

He acts as regulatory, enforcement, antitrust, commercial, criminal, and litigation counsel to several domestic and international aerospace companies, airports, airlines, lenders/lessors, private equity/hedge funds, online travel agents, and other aviation companies. His recent efforts include representing a Japanese aircraft seat manufacturer in FAA, EASA, and JCAB airworthiness and compliance issues, serving as counsel to several large cities and authorities on congestion, competition, litigation, and grant assurance issues, representing several large aircraft and engine manufacturers on certification, joint venture, and enforcement issues, representing wind turbine developers on airspace hazard issues, representing one of the largest aircraft management and fractional ownership companies in compliance matters, counseling foreign air carriers on antitrust and code-sharing issues, advising on-line travel agencies on antitrust and



contract issues, and counseling foreign air carriers and national civil aviation authorities on ICAO and FAA audit and compliance issues.

Mr. Quinn is a preferred provider of legal services for one of the world's largest leasing companies. He is representing the city of Chicago in litigation against the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Seventh Circuit. He successfully argued on behalf of an airline in Association of Flight Attendants vs. Department of Transportation in the DC Circuit, and helped win an appeal on behalf of airport client Panama City in NRDC vs. Department of Transportation in the Second Circuit. He has represented multiple clients in FAA and NTSB investigations and criminal prosecutions after airline crashes, and has served as a mediator and as Chief Judge of an AAA/ICDR arbitral panel in aviation disputes, as well as an expert in an aviation law legal malpractice case.

He has been listed in *The International Who's Who of Aviation Lawyers* since 2004. He is also listed in *Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers* and in *Who's Who International Aviation Lawyers*.

Mr. Quinn recently was reelected to a second term as Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C., after having been appointed to the Council in 2007 and serving as Chair of its Stewardship and Development Committee.

Education

J.D., DePaul University College of Law, 1985, *with honors*; Editor, *DePaul Law Review*; Editor, *A.S.I.L.S. International Law Journal*

B.S., Finance, Northern Illinois University, 1982

Affiliations

Member, ABA Section of Antitrust Law; ABA Forum on Air & Space Law; ABA Torts Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Aviation and Space Law Committee; and ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Member, Wings Club, International Aviation Club, AeroClub of Washington, John Carroll Society, the Federalist Society, Army Navy Country Club

Admissions

State of Illinois, District of Columbia; D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, Illinois Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Upcoming and Recent Speaking Engagements

Introductory Remarks, "Protecting Aviation Safety Information," Annual Conference on International Aviation Liability & Insurance, McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law, May 6-7, 2011, Montreal, Canada.



Panelist, “ Industry Challenges in the Transnational Context,” EU Forum on Transatlantic Aviation Competitiveness, April 12-13, 2011, Washington, DC

Panelist, “The Challenges of the Judicial Investigation in Aviation Accidents,” ICAO-COPAC, International Safety Seminar, March 24-25, 2011, Madrid, Spain.

Instructor, “Aviation Law: The *Concorde* Accident,” 2011 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Aviation Seminar, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

Moderator, “Safety Protocols: Can We Ever Build a New Airplane?” Annual Update Conference, ABA Forum on Air & Space Law, February 23, 2011, Washington, DC.

Interviewer, “Conversations with Aviation Leaders: John Byerly, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Transportation Affairs,” DePaul International Aviation Law Institute, October 8, 2010, Chicago, IL.

Moderator, “The Cost Crisis: How Will the Airline Industry Recover?” Third International Civil Aviation/McGill University Institute of Air & Space Law, Pre-Assembly Conference, Sept. 26-27, 2010. Montreal, Canada.

Panelist, “Airline Consolidation,” 10th Beaumont International Aviation Conference, June 23-24, 2010. London, England.

Panelist, “Specific Jurisdiction: The Issues Surrounding Choice of Law in Foreign Crashes/Incidents,” American Conference Institute’s 2nd Annual Forum on Defending and Managing Aviation Litigation, June 22-23, 2010. Boston, MA.

Moderator, “Airlines Financial Health and Trends in Liberalization, Foreign Ownership, Alliances, and Antitrust,” 30th Annual New York Airfinance Conference, April 26-27, 2010, New York, NY.

Speaker, “Protecting the Integrity of Accident Investigations,” 22nd Annual European Aviation Safety Seminar, March 15-17, 2010, Lisbon, Portugal.

Firm Publications

FAA Emphasizes Part 135 Operational Control Requirements, 02-Nov-2007

External Publications

Kenneth P. Quinn, Jennifer E. Trock, and Timothy Gerheim, *Improving Global Aviation Safety by Protecting Information Sources*, 9 ISSUES IN AVIATION L. & POLICY 249 (2010) – DePaul University College of Law

Battling Accident Criminalization, *Aero Safety World*, January 2007