

George Novak, JD is the Managing Director of the **AeroAdvisor** Group, LLC, where he spearheads efforts regarding civil aviation safety and security, including all U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) matters. He also serves as Lead Research Scientist at the George Washington University Aviation Institute and is Program Administrator of the International Summits on Aviation Safety & Security. He has worked with numerous countries on the development of successful strategies for compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices. Before forming the **AeroAdvisor** Group, he served in the FAA's Office of the Chief Counsel, as a senior attorney on the International Affairs & Legal Policy and Legislative staffs. While at the FAA, Mr. Novak helped to develop the legal basis for the International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) program and authored the agency's Model National Civil Aviation Legislation. He also served on numerous U.S. delegations to ICAO. Also while at the FAA, Mr. Novak developed and taught training programs for both international aviation safety inspectors and for the U.S. Federal Air Marshal program. Since 1993, George has been in private practice, both as an attorney and as a consultant in these areas.

Representative Projects:

- On behalf of the World Bank, conducted an in-depth study and assessment of security needs at air and seaports within the member nations of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). Advised World Bank on infrastructure and equipment priorities to bolster tourism and development efforts in OECS.
- Served as Interim Security Manager at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport Terminal 4, the International Arrivals Building (IAB). Led the development and execution of the airport security program for the redevelopment of the IAB.
- Served as a Principal Consultant with PA Consulting Group, a London-based general consultancy. Spearheaded the overall PA Transportation Practice consulting and legal efforts regarding transportation and travel security, including all ICAO, FAA, and TSA issues.
- Led negotiations with the U.S. Government on behalf of foreign governments regarding the FAA International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) Program.
- Authored the Model Civil Aviation Act for the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration as a tool for developing countries to modernize their legislative and regulatory infrastructures.
- Developed and taught first training program for U.S. Federal Air Marshals at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center on the international treaties and policies affecting missions on international flights.
- Worked extensively with the FAA's senior international security and aviation safety staffs on the development of both regulations and on safety and security training programs for FAA personnel.
- Served as advisor on aviation affairs to the transportation policy group of the gubernatorial campaign of Rep. Tom Ridge in Pennsylvania.

Recent/Current Projects

- Working with a number of national civil aviation administrations in their efforts to modernize their legislative and regulatory infrastructures for civil aviation safety and security. Presently managing a major legislative and regulatory project in Asia.
- Serve as Program Administrator for a 3-year, \$9 million FAA program at GW to conduct an international summit program for transport ministers and other policy leaders in international air transportation issues. Also serve as lecturer in international aviation law, ICAO issues, and national aviation legislation strategies.
- Developed and teach a course in aviation law for the Aviation Safety and Security Certificate Program at the George Washington University.
- Developed and present instructional program for the U.S. Department of State on the Convention on International Civil Aviation and the ICAO Annexes on aviation safety and security.
- Provide on-air commentary on aviation security, safety, regulatory, and financial matters for MSNBC, Bloomberg Television, Fox News, Cox Broadcasting and Hearst-Argyle Television. Also provide commentary to radio stations, newspapers, and web media outlets throughout North America and Europe.

Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, *Juris Doctor* (1988)
Washington & Jefferson College, *Bachelor of Arts* (1985)
California University of Pennsylvania, *Associate of Science* (1985)