



George Novak

George Novak focuses on the legal and regulatory aspects of airline and airport operations, with particular emphasis on aviation safety and security issues. He has more than 17 years of experience in transportation matters, both as an attorney and consultant, beginning his career as a senior FAA attorney specializing in international aviation matters. George has worked with airports, air carriers, service providers, development banks and national and local civil aviation authorities in more than 110 countries.

Experience

Served as Interim Security Project 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.

Serve as regulatory and legal advisor to the Civil Aviation Authorities of Afghanistan, Jamaica and Taiwan in their efforts to modernize their legislative and regulatory structure for civil aviation safety and security.

Served as an advisor to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on the development of a curriculum for training seminars for international airport officials on ICAO security standards.

On behalf of the World Bank, conducted an in-depth audit of security and counter-terrorism infrastructure needs at air and seaports within the member nations of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Served as the Program Administrator of the International Summits on Aviation Safety & Security, an FAA-funded university consortium project to train ministers of transport and senior aviation officials on ICAO standards for aviation security and safety matters.

Monitored FAA and DOT regulatory actions and advised numerous US and international air carriers, airports, and transportation providers on the potential impact of such actions.

Served as legal counsel for airports, air carriers, freight forwarders, and shipping companies on FAA and DOT administrative actions regarding airport development and privatization, aviation safety, security, hazardous materials.

Served as consultant to airport authorities and developers on compliance issues with FAA and DOT regulations, including Airport Improvement Program (AIP) issues, environmental compliance, and privatization initiatives.

Worked with airports in North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and Asia on compliance strategies for meeting FAA and ICAO standards



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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. Developed one of the first training programs for FAA Flight Standards inspectors focused solely on international (Part 129) air carriers.

Developed and presented 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.

Developed and delivered live and distance training courses for the George Washington University Aviation Institute and its Aviation Safety and Security Certificate Program. Serve as lecturer on international aviation law and policy, aviation security, and the drafting of national aviation legislation.

Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, September 1985 – May 1988, Doctor of Jurisprudence.
Order of the Barristers.

Washington & Jefferson College, September 1981 – May 1985, Bachelor of Arts – Economics.
Cum Laude.

Professional Associations

Member, State Bar of Pennsylvania, 1988 – present.

Member, Bar of the District of Columbia, 2005 – present.