Global Aviation Finance Group

Our team advises on the laws of Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guernsey and Jersey from our global network of nine offices. We assist our clients in structuring cross-border aviation finance transactions and establishing leasing platforms and investment vehicles, with capability in both commercial and corporate aircraft.

Our lawyers advise on all types of debt, equity, lease, export credit, PD, insurance-backed and capital markets deals including ABS.

We act for banks and other financial institutions, lessors, airlines, export credit agencies, manufacturers, funds, leasing companies and individuals.

“Richard Munden is very strong on the finance side, especially in regard to his high-quality practice in aircraft finance. He joined Carey Olsen from Walkers towards the end of 2018.”

Chambers and Partners

For bankruptcy-remote orphan structures we partner with experienced corporate service providers who are recognised as leaders in the aviation sector. We provide a “one-stop” solution that gives our clients seamless access to leading global fiduciary and corporate services platforms.

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We advise 9/10 of the world’s largest banks.

Our team also advises on Cape Town Convention issues, aircraft registration (both temporary and permanent), and AOC applications and other regulatory matters.

“Exceptional service backed by excellent industry knowledge.”

The Legal 500

We are trusted advisers to our clients in the aviation financing and leasing sector. The Carey Olsen team has onshore private practice and in-house aviation experience and is supported by our corporate, investment funds and structured finance groups.
Our recent experience advising the aviation sector

Aircraft acquisition, finance and leasing
Acting for an Asian leasing company and a Cayman Islands special purpose company with respect to amendments to ECA-supported financing arrangements for seven ATR aircraft following the lessee becoming insolvent and the early return of the aircraft.

Advised a major global bank with respect to credit facilities for a government-owned airline to finance three aircraft.

Acted for a Middle Eastern leasing company with respect to the sale of a portfolio of seven aircraft to a US leasing company including the re-financing of existing credit facilities and the novation of leases to three airlines.

Acted for an Asian export credit agency with respect to the agency-supported financing of one Airbus A320 aircraft.

Acted for a Middle Eastern leasing company in respect of the financing of one Airbus A321 aircraft and a pre-delivery payments facility for Airbus A330 aircraft.

Acted as Cayman counsel to the leasing company in respect of the financing for one new Airbus A321LR neo to be leased to an airline in the Middle East.

Investment funds
Advised a leading aircraft acquisition and leasing investment company on the successful completion of its IPO on the Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange (LSE).

Advised Falko Regional Aircraft Limited, a market leading aircraft operating leasing and asset management company, on the launch and final closing of Falko Regional Aircraft Opportunities Fund II at US$650 million. The fund makes equity investments in new and used regional aircraft leased globally.

Advised a leading aircraft acquisition and leasing investment company on its successful IPO on the Specialist Fund Segment of the LSE and its debt financing of four Airbus A380 aircraft.

Regulatory
Acting for a regional airline with respect to the commencement of flights to the Cayman Islands including advising as to route licensing, applications for required permits from the CAACI and applications for licenses from other relevant authorities in order to conduct business in the Cayman Islands.

Acting for a corporate aircraft operator in relation to its application for an air operator’s certificate in the Cayman Islands including incorporating the operator as a special economic zone company and advising in respect of all business licensing requirements.

Assisted a Canadian operator in connection with the process of obtaining a 2-REG Air Operators Certificate.

“Their advice is always delivered within a broader commercial context.”
The Legal 500

“Fully engages with the complexity of transactions and actively seeks solutions to problems.”
The Legal 500

“Carey Olsen is the best offshore law firm, both in terms of service and for technical capability and drafting.”
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“You name it, they do it. They have a very good team.”
Chambers and Partners

“They have a very international perspective in their business and are well connected in the major economies and finance centres.”
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