

AVIATION & AEROSPACE

We speak “pilot.”

Aviation cases are different. They involve highly technical equipment and systems, as well as witnesses who often speak an entirely different language that we like to call “pilot.” At Lightfoot, we use our deep understanding of the aviation industry, flight characteristics and human factors to develop our clients’ stories. We also have a comprehensive understanding of the specific laws governing this highly regulated sector, from the General Aviation Revitalization Act (GARA) to the Montreal Convention. While the technical nature of these cases can create unique civil litigation and regulatory challenges, our attorneys’ combination of skills enables them to find the best solutions for aviation and aerospace clients.

Members of the Lightfoot Aviation & Aerospace practice group include commercial-rated and fixed-wing pilots, former military pilots and engineers. All have deep experience in complex commercial, catastrophic injury and product liability cases.

A significant portion of Lightfoot’s aviation industry practice is the defense of aircraft and component part manufacturers in litigation arising out of accidents. We handle all aspects of these cases, navigating the myriad of related legal issues, including industry-specific regulations that arise during aviation crash investigations and civil litigation.

We also represent airline fixed-base operators, corporate hangars, corporate aircraft operators, airframe and powerplant mechanics, and aerospace defense contractors in litigation arising from all aspects of their operations. This includes commercial disputes, employment matters, TSA and FAA issues, and premises liability and general negligence actions. We also regularly advise owners and operators on how to avoid litigation troubles before they arise.