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Mark Franklin, having practised for more than 25 years as an aviation lawyer, has accumulated considerable experience in handling issues relating to aviation regulation, aviation liability and risk, and aviation commercial dispute resolution.

In addition to representing airlines, product manufacturers and aviation services providers in the aftermath of air disasters, Mark is regularly involved in the resolution of aviation commercial disputes, particularly in relation to aircraft leasing and redelivery return conditions.

Mark's regulatory work includes documentation of agreements underpinned by regulatory issues (such as slots exchange agreements, code shares and other commercial cooperation between airlines) as well as advising on issues ranging from air traffic rights under bilateral air services agreements to bonding and licensing rules applicable to travel providers.

RELATED SERVICES

- Asset Finance
- International Arbitration
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Finance
- Aviation Litigation and Regulation

EXPERIENCE

- Acting as a special advisor to a non-EU State in the negotiation of additional traffic rights and resolution of a disagreement with the UK DfT under an existing bilateral ASA.
- Representing a Mediterranean State in judicial review proceedings brought by a Turkish airline against a traffic rights decision of the UK Secretary of State for Transport.
- Representing a major flag carrier in relation to securing its removal from the EU list of airlines subject to a partial operating ban in the EU.
- Representing insurers in relation to issues arising out of the crash of a B737 in Indonesia in Mar-08.
- Representing major UK, Middle Eastern, and US carriers in structuring and documenting multiple LHR and LGW landing/take-off slot transactions.
- Conducting the successful defence of three major US airlines in the deep vein thrombosis (DVT) class action in the English High Court and the Court of Appeal.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

Chambers recommends Mark for his "broad, cross-jurisdictional experience and his deep knowledge of international competition law." He is also described in this context as "the shining light there - he has a good following and a good strategy."

Memberships

- Member of the editorial board of Air & Space Law Journal published by Kluwer

INSIGHTS

Publications

Mark's publications include 'Civil Aviation' and 'Carriage by Air' sections of *Butterworths Encyclopaedia of Forms & Precedents* (published in 2009 and 2002 respectively).