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After practicing aviation law for 40 years, Alan Reitzfeld retired in April 2018 as a senior partner in Holland & Knight LLP's New York Litigation Practice Group. Prior to his retirement, he played a leading role in defending airlines in multi-district litigation and appellate matters arising out of numerous major domestic and foreign commercial jet airline crashes and other incidents, including, for example, representing Air France in multi-district litigation arising out of the Flight 447 accident over the mid-Atlantic on June 1, 2009; representing American Airlines in multi-district litigation arising out of the Flight 965 Cali, Colombia accident on December 20, 1995, the Flight 1420 Little Rock, Arkansas accident on June 1, 1999, and the Flight 587 Belle Harbor, New York, accident on November 12, 2001; and representing TWA in multi-district litigation arising out of the Flight 800 disaster on July 17, 1996.

Mr. Reitzfeld has spoken on aviation and technology law issues in numerous international and domestic programs and has published articles on those subjects in the U.S. and elsewhere. A partial list of his publications and speaking engagements is attached.

He is the Chair of the Aviation Law Committee of the International Bar Association and the immediate past Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Aeronautics Committee. Mr. Reitzfeld is also a past Chair of the Computer Law Committee of the New York State Bar Association, a past Delegate to the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates, a past Vice Chair of the Aviation and Space Law Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel, and a past Vice Chair of the Technology and e-Commerce Law Committee of the International Bar Association.

Mr. Reitzfeld is a graduate of Syracuse University and earned his law degree from Hofstra Law School, where he served as Research Editor of the Hofstra Law Review.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Publications

- NTSB's 2017-2018 Most Wanted List, International Bar Association, Aviation Law Committee (online publication), September 2017
- Litigating the Aviation Case, Fourth Edition, Chapter Co-Author, Multidistrict Litigation Practice and Procedure, American Bar Association, Fourth Edition, August 2017
- NTSB's 2016 Most Wanted List, International Bar Association Aviation Law Committee Newsletter, June 2017
- NTSB's 2015 Most Wanted List, International Bar Association Aviation Law Committee Newsletter, May 2016
- NTSB's 2014 Most Wanted List, International Bar Association Aviation Law Committee Newsletter, May 2014
- NTSB's 2013 Most Wanted List, International Bar Association Aviation Law Committee Newsletter, July 2013
- Forum Non Conveniens Dismissal Ordered in All U.S. Litigation Arising From Air France Flight 447 Accident, Holland & Knight Alert, October 15, 2011
- The Last Rivet, Holland & Knight Newsletter, September 2011
- The Last Rivet, Holland & Knight Newsletter, December 2010
- Airline Liability for Mental Injury Claims of Ground Claimants, International Bar Association Aviation Law Committee Newsletter, August 2010
- Court Grants Defense Motions to Dismiss Cases in EgyptAir Flight 990 Litigation, Holland & Knight Newsletter, May 2010
- The Last Rivet, Holland & Knight Newsletter, May 2010
- The Last Rivet, Holland & Knight Newsletter, October 2009
- The Last Rivet, Holland & Knight Newsletter, June 2009
- The Last Rivet, Holland & Knight Newsletter, February 2009
- The Last Rivet, Holland & Knight Newsletter, November 2008
- The Last Rivet, Holland & Knight Newsletter, August 2008
- EU Airline Operating Ban Regulations – Update, Holland & Knight Newsletter, May 2008

- EU Regulation on Banning of Airlines for Safety Concerns, Air & Space Law (Kluwer Law Int'l), Issue 33.2, April 2008
- European Union Updates Airline Operating Ban List, Holland & Knight Newsletter, December 2007
- Practice Pointer: Written Notice to Claimant When Settlement Check is Sent to Counsel, International Association of Defense Counsel, Aviation and Space Law Committee Newsletter, July 1, 2005
- Considerations In Computer System 'User Versus Vendor' Disputes, The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, November 1997
- Introduction to Trademarks, Copyrights and Patents in the United States, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (Udenrigsministeriet), June 30, 1996
- Building Better Software License Agreements for Users, The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, July 1994
- Software Licensing: Read the Fine Print, Eksport (Denmark), August 7, 1992
- Courting Disaster, Computerworld, October 16, 1989
- Liability for Negligent Misrepresentation Claims in Computer Litigation -- The Scope of the 'Special Relationship' under New York Law, 4 Computer Law Association Bulletin 16, Summer 1989

Speaking Engagements

- Hot Topics in Aviation, Program Co-Chair, Event sponsored by the New York City Bar Association Aeronautics Committee and the International Bar Association Aviation Law Committee, New York, New York, October 23, 2018
- The Challenges of Settlement Negotiation & Emerging Insurance Issues, Panel Chair, McGill University/PEOPIL Conference on International Aviation Law: Liability, Insurance & Finance, Dublin, Ireland, October 20, 2018
- Litigation Proceedings Involving Repossession of Aircraft: Enforcement of Rights Under the Cape Town Convention and Conflict of Laws Between Common and Civil Law Systems, Session Co-Chair, International Bar Association Annual Conference, Rome, Italy, October 9, 2018
- Liability of Airports, ANSPs, Lessors and Maintenance Providers, Panel Chair, McGill Institute of Air and Space Law Conference on International Aviation Liability & Insurance, Montreal, Canada, June 22, 2017
- Liability Issues for Airlines, Aircraft Manufacturers and Governments, Session Chair, International Bar Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., September 19, 2016

- Air Carrier Liability, Panel Chair, McGill University/PEOPIL Conference On International Aviation Law & Insurance, Edinburgh, Scotland, May 20, 2016
- Mock Mediation of Aircraft Accident Liability, Session Chair, International Bar Association Annual Conference, Vienna, Austria, October 6, 2015
- Carrier and Passenger Liability for Unruly Conduct Aboard Aircraft, Panel Chair, McGill Institute of Air and Space Law Conference on International Aviation Liability & Insurance, Montreal, Canada, October 26, 2013
- Aircraft Accidents, Investigation, Compensating the Victims, Liability of the Manufacturer, Criminal Prosecution, Panel Chair, International Bar Association Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, October 7, 2013
- Legal Update - United States, Paterson MacDougall LLP and Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang LLP 13th Annual Aviation Conference, Toronto, Canada, February 1, 2012
- Mock Mediation, Mediation Panel Chair, McGill Institute of Air and Space Law Conference on International Aviation Liability & Insurance, Montreal, Canada, May 6, 2011
- Mediation of Complex Aviation Accident Wrongful Death Claims, Mediation Panel Co-Chair, International Bar Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, B.C., October 4, 2010
- Mock Mediation of Complex Aviation Accident, Mediation Panel Moderator, European Air Law Association Liability Seminar, Munich, Germany, January 18, 2010
- Mock Mediation of Complex Aviation Accident Litigation, Mediation Panel Chair, McGill Institute of Air & Space Law Conference on International Aviation Liability & Insurance, Montreal, Canada, October 31, 2009
- Critical Recommendations to the Incoming Transportation Secretary, Panel Chair, American Bar Association and New York City Bar Aviation on Trial Program, New York, NY, June 4, 2009
- Legal Liability Update - United States - Recent Developments of Interest, Paterson, MacDougall 9th Annual Aviation Conference, Toronto, Canada, February 21, 2008
- Blacklisting of Airlines, International Bar Association 2006 Conference, Chicago, IL, September 19, 2006
- Settlement Issues: Financial and Legal Considerations in Packaging A Settlement, American Bar Association Aviation Law Conference, Washington, D.C., November 10, 2005
- Proving Damages in a Tort Reform, VCF World, American Bar Association Aviation Law Program, New York, NY, June 3, 2005
- Disaster Handling and Claims, Beaumont Garnault 7th International Aviation Conference, London, England, July 9, 2004

- Mediation of Complex Aviation Accident Litigation, Mediation Panel Chair, International Bar Association 2000 Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, September 20, 2000
- The Internet: Jurisdiction and Liability - the Roles of the Players on the Internet, 1999 Conference of the International Bar Association Section on Business Law, Barcelona, Spain, September 28, 1999
- Jurisdiction in Cyberspace, American Bar Association Aviation Litigation Program, Washington, D.C., October 22, 1998
- Legal Update 1998: Intellectual Property, Technology and Computer Laws, Panel Co-Chair, International Bar Association 1998 Conference, Vancouver, B.C., September 17, 1998
- Using Experts: Pointers, Perils and Pitfalls, Panel Moderator, American Bar Association Aviation Litigation Program, New York, NY, June 28, 1996
- Avoiding Litigation and User-Unfriendly Computer Software By Building User Protections Into Software License Agreements and Selected Topics in High Technology Litigation, EVD Ministerie Van Economische Zaken Program on U.S. Intellectual Property Law, The Hague, The Netherlands, June 7, 1995
- Creative Use of Class Actions in Aviation Disaster Litigation, American Bar Association Litigation in Aviation Program, Washington, D.C., October 6, 1994
- Recent Developments in Aviation, American Bar Association Litigation Program, Washington, D.C., October 10, 1991
- High Technology Litigation, New York State Bar Association Program on Computer Law, New York, NY, February 8, 1991
- High Technology Litigation, New York State Bar Association Program on Computer Law, New York, NY, November 16, 1988
- High Technology Litigation, New York State Bar Association Program on Computer Law, New York, NY, October 28, 1987

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