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Tim O'Connell is an attorney in our Aviation, Appellate and Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice groups.

Tim's broad experience began in Chicago, where he defended aviation clients in complex civil litigation for more than 10 years. During this time, Tim gained extensive practice experience in federal, state, and appellate courts nationwide, including *pro hac vice* admissions in over 10 jurisdictions.

Tim has represented numerous, varied clients including major airlines, regional airlines, Part 139 and general aviation airports, aerospace product manufacturers, governmental entities, and contracted air traffic controllers. He also has experience in insurance coverage matters related to airport losses.

His extensive experience in aviation law includes the defense of much major wrongful death and personal injury cases, numerous product liability and commercial matters, and a wide variety of contract and property disputes. Tim has handled several cases of first impression issues of federal preemption.

Practice Areas

- Aviation & Aerospace
- Appellate
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Significant Matters

- Prevailed on issue of first impression in Michigan regarding federal preemption and the scope of airline service under the Airline Deregulation Act
- Prevailed on issue of first impression within the Eighth Circuit regarding federal preemption of duties under the Federal Aviation Act
- Prevailed on issue of first impression in Ohio regarding limitations period in contract of carriage
- Obtained summary judgment in defense of two wrongful death actions with underlying \$50 million liability limitations and policy implications for nearly 2,500 airports nationwide
- Successfully defended French manufacturer in a landmark four-year personal jurisdiction case in Illinois

Education and Admissions

Education

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law
J.D.
- Northwestern University
M.A.
- DePaul University
B.A.

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Michigan
- Ohio

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Affiliations

- State Bar of Michigan

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association, Member and former Co-Chair of YLS Insurance Coverage Committee
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute