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BIOGRAPHY

Erin Van Laanen's practice is concentrated in the areas of aircraft title, registration, financing and leasing and related matters concerning the United States Federal Aviation Act, the FAA Aircraft Registry in Oklahoma City, and the Cape Town Convention.

She is a regular speaker at aircraft conferences sponsored by the Strategic Research Institute, American Bar Association, ABA Forum on Air and Space Law, National Aircraft Finance Association, Oklahoma City Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, International Institute for Research and International Bar Association. She currently serves on the board of directors of the National Aircraft Finance Association.

Erin's achievements have earned her inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (equipment finance law), *Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law*, *Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers* and *The International Who's Who of Aviation Lawyers*.

Additionally, Erin is on the speaker's bureau of the League of Women Voters and in that capacity speaks to various nonprofit groups about a variety of topics.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising local and national clients with buying, selling and financing corporate aircraft
- Advising clients on ownership structures to comply with the citizenship requirements set forth in the FAA Transportation Code and attendant federal regulations
- Structuring owner and voting trust agreements to comply with the FAA requirements
- Structuring LLC ownership and management to comply with FAA citizenship and registry requirements
- Title examination of FAA records to determine the status of record ownership, liens, encumbrances and other issues relevant to title
- Escrowing of documents and funds, facilitating and negotiating the process and timing of closing so that all parties' interests are protected
- Advising clients on operational issues of private aircraft ownership, fractional ownership, and compliance with Part 91.501 and Subpart K of the FAA regulations
- Advising clients on the applicability of the Cape Town International Convention and the Aircraft Protocol to aircraft transactions, and protection of relevant aircraft interests

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma, 1991
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, 1992

EDUCATION

- J.D., with highest honors, University of Oklahoma, 1991; Assistant Articles Editor, *Oklahoma Law Review*; President, Organization for the Advancement of Women in Law; Named “Outstanding Student” of graduating class; Order of the Coif
- B.B.A., *magna cum laude*, University of Central Oklahoma, 1988 (Finance)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Oklahoma County Bar Association (Board of Directors and General Counsel)
- Oklahoma Bar Association (Member, Real Property Section/Title Examination Standards Subcommittee; Oklahoma County Delegate to the Oklahoma Bar Association)
- American Bar Association (ABA Forum on Air and Space Law)
- Federal Bar Association, Oklahoma City Chapter (Secretary)
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg Inn of Court, Oklahoma City Chapter (Barrister)
- National Aircraft Finance Association (Board of Directors)

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

- Oklahoma County League of Women Voters (President, 1994-1996)
- Oklahoma League of Women Voters (Treasurer, 1998-1999)
- Oklahoma City Public School Foundation Partnership Program (Mentor/Reading Assistant for elementary school students)
- Arts Festival (Volunteer)
- Regional Food Bank (Fundraising Committee)
- OCARTS – Transportation Citizen Review Committee