

# Brett J. Seifarth

## Associate

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### Practices

Corporate  
International  
Structured Finance and Securitization

### Industries

FOCUS: Aviation  
Private Client Services

### Education

JD, Case Western Reserve University  
BA, Mount Saint Mary College

### Bar Admissions

District of Columbia  
Maryland

### Community Involvements

American Bar Association, Aircraft  
Financing Subcommittee; Forum on Air and  
Space Law  
International Society of Transport Aircraft  
Trading (ISTAT)

Brett Seifarth focuses his practice on aviation finance. He has significant experience advising representing manufacturers, commercial banks, operating lessors, equity participants, finance companies, private equity funds, hedge funds, issuers, servicers, and other investors in a wide variety of domestic and cross-border transactions involving commercial and business aircraft.

### Deep experience in a wide range of aviation transactions

Brett counsels clients on transactions such as portfolio acquisitions and divestitures, operating leases, leveraged leases, sale-leasebacks, secured debt and back-leveraged financings, predelivery payment financings, residual value and credit support agreements, and asset-backed securitizations. He also has experience advising lessors and creditors on various restructuring matters, including in airline bankruptcies. He also advises clients, including high-net-worth individuals, on aviation-related regulatory compliance and enforcement matters.

Prior to joining Katten, Brett served as in-house counsel to a global aircraft manufacturer. In addition, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Mark R. Hornak of the US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and for the Honorable W. Timothy Finan of the Circuit Court for Allegany County, Maryland before entering private practice.

### Recognitions

*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- The Legal 500 United States
  - Recommended Attorney, 2021

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## News

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- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (August 10, 2021)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Panelists Discuss Insurance Company Supported Aircraft Financing and the State of the Aviation Market During Katten's Seventh Annual Commercial Aviation Panel (January 25, 2021)
- Katten's Aviation Attorneys Recognized as "Go-To Thought Leaders" by *National Law Review* (December 17, 2020)

## Publications

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- Avoiding Flight Schedule Disruption When Replacing the Owner Trustee of a Leased Aircraft Registered in the United States (September 9, 2021)
- What a Lessor and Secured Lender Should Expect From an Opinion Letter of Local Counsel in a Cross-Border Lease (June 21, 2021)
- Buyer Due Diligence in Acquisitions of Leased Aircraft: Lease Document Review and Seller and Lessee Representations (May 20, 2021)
- Structuring and Practice for Aircraft Leases to Prevent Lease Payments From Being Clawed Back in a Lessee Bankruptcy (April 9, 2021)
- The Desirability of Registering a New International Interest When Extending the Term of a Lease (March 12, 2021)
- Structuring a PDP Loan to Protect the Lender From an Airline Bankruptcy (February 19, 2021)
- ADS-B OUT Compliance as Part of Lease Redelivery Conditions (November 25, 2020)

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- Maximizing Returns Through Effective Management of Engine Performance Restoration: Five Cases (October 1, 2020)
- Use of Residual-Value Insurance to Support Debt Repayment in Leveraged Aircraft Leases (August 14, 2020)
- Toward a Rational Debt-Equity Framework in Leveraged Aircraft Leases (July 9, 2020)
- Aircraft Sale Leasebacks in a Disrupted Market: Traditional and New Considerations for Lessors (May 21, 2020)
- Passenger Airlines and US Treasury Department Reach Agreement on CARES Act Payroll Support Program (April 17, 2020)
- COVID-19 Update: US Senate Passes \$61 Billion Relief Package for Aviation Industry (March 26, 2020)
- COVID-19 Update: A Planning Guide for Aircraft Lessors (March 23, 2020)
- COVID-19 Update: US Senate Republicans Offer Airline Relief Package (March 20, 2020)
- COVID-19 Update: US Treasury Department Proposes \$50 Billion Airline Loan Program (March 19, 2020)
- COVID-19: US Airlines Seek \$58 Billion in Government Aid Amidst Global Turmoil (March 18, 2020)

## Presentations and Events

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- Flying Private: Owning, Operating and Financing Corporate Aircraft (March 25, 2021) | *Moderator*