

Tom Healey

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Industries

FOCUS: Aviation

Education

JD, University of Michigan Law School

BA, Cornell University

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Tom Healey helps clients finance aircraft. Recognized as a leader in aviation finance law by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Tom regularly closes aviation deals involving lease novations, junior and senior loans and intercreditor issues, and aircraft fleet orders, and he has won numerous deal-of-the-year awards from aviation industry publications. He has also represented creditors in numerous US airline Chapter 11 proceedings and has restructured financings for many aircraft in airline insolvencies.

Award-winning aviation deals

Tom “understands the dynamics of the business very well,” clients tell *Chambers USA*. “He is one of the guys that is trying to find ways to overcome challenging situations.” Tom represents financiers on all aspects of workouts for numerous aircraft in airline reorganizations in North and South America. He represents lessors, finance parties, operators and governments on export credit financings and works regularly on pre-delivery payment facilities and asset and credit support agreements. Buyers and sellers of business aircraft and participants in fractional programs seek Tom's counsel on purchase agreements, financing and regulatory compliance.

Tom represented the aircraft manufacturer Embraer on the Chapter 11 proceedings of Republic Airways, including its participation on the unsecured creditors' committee and the restructuring of financings for dozens of aircraft. He also worked on the 2011 *Airfinance Journal* Regional Jet Deal of the Year involving Aldus Aviation and on the 2003 *Airfinance Journal* Aircraft Order of the Year with JetBlue Airways. Tom's experience also includes the sale of a portfolio of junior debt secured by 80 aircraft, which was named *Airfinance Journal's* 2007 Aerospace Deal of the Year.

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Recognitions

- The Legal 500 United States
 - Recommended Attorney, 2017–2020
- *Chambers USA*
 - Leading Individual, 2013–2018
- *AirFinance Journal*
 - Regional Jet Deal of the Year, 2011
 - Aerospace Deal of the Year, 2007
 - Aerospace Order of the Year, 2003

News

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (April 1, 2021)
- Katten's Aviation Attorneys Recognized as "Go-To Thought Leaders" by *National Law Review* (December 17, 2020)
- Katten Named Top-Tier Firm in Structured Finance and Securitization by The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide (June 16, 2020)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Katten Regatta Raises More Than \$20,000 for Food From the Bar (June 24, 2017)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)

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- Katten Recognized as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2017 (May 30, 2017)
- *Chambers USA* 2016 Distinguishes 22 Katten Practices and 50 Attorneys (May 27, 2016)
- Katten Attains 22 Practice and 58 Attorney Rankings by *Chambers USA* 2015 (May 20, 2015)
- *Chambers USA* 2014 Distinguishes 24 Katten Practices and 54 Attorneys (May 23, 2014)
- *Chambers USA* 2013 Recognizes 24 Katten Practices and 49 Attorneys (May 24, 2013)
- Aircraft Transaction Podcast Series

Publications

- 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)
- Protecting a Lessor Against the Recharacterization in Bankruptcy of a Full Payout Aircraft Lease as a Disguised Security Agreement (January 11, 2021)
- ADS-B OUT Compliance as Part of Lease Redelivery Conditions (November 25, 2020)
- 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)

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- [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 \(March 18, 2020\)](#)
- [OFAC General License Facilitates Negotiations With Iran for Commercial Passenger Aircraft \(June 1, 2016\)](#)
- [OFAC General License Facilitates Negotiations With Iran for Commercial Passenger Aircraft \(April 14, 2016\)](#)
- ['Implementation Day' Brings Openings for Commercial Aircraft Sales With Iran \(February 24, 2016\)](#)
- ["Implementation Day" Brings Openings for Commercial Aircraft Sales With Iran \(January 22, 2016\)](#)
- [The State Department's Recent Federal Register Notice Marks Opening Steps Toward Access to Iranian Market for US Commercial Aircraft Industry \(November 16, 2015\)](#)
- [Airline Passenger Bill of Rights: A Survey of Recent Legislative and Judicial Actions \(January 30, 2008\)](#)

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Presentations and Events

- Flying Private: Owning, Operating and Financing Corporate Aircraft (March 25, 2021) | *Moderator*
- Aircraft Financing (September 26, 2017) | *Panelist*