



Continuing Battle Over Federal Preemption of Aircraft Lessor Liability

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The issue of whether aircraft owners, secured parties and lessors should be held liable for aircraft accidents under state law has generated a divergence of opinions in the courts due to conflicting interpretations of Section 44112 of the U.S. Transportation Code. This article examines the courts' conflicting analyses of the statute's language, including the Florida Supreme Court's ruling in *Vreeland v. Ferrer*.