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Second Circuit Joins Federal Aviation Administration's Pre-Emption Camp

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In *Goodspeed Airport LLC v East Haddam Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission*, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit made clear that the federal government has field pre-emption over state regulation of air safety. This article, authored by Sean Gordon and Timothy J. Lynes, explains that, while the Second Circuit used *Goodspeed Airport* as the platform to rule that the federal government pre-empts the field of aviation safety, the actual facts in *Goodspeed Airport* did not support an ultimate holding of federal pre-emption.

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