

PHILLIP J. KOLCZYNSKI

Prior to his recent retirement, Phillip Kolczynski managed his own law firm in southern California. Mr. Kolczynski has over 35 years of experience as an aviation lawyer, and a national practice, representing aviation businesses, pilots and other aviation professionals. Mr. Kolczynski is not only an experienced air crash lawyer but he is also a recognized expert in FAA certificate enforcement cases. He has also represented aviation clients in contract and regulatory compliance matters.

Prior to moving into private practice in California in 1983, he was a trial attorney in the Aviation Unit, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and prior to that, the Litigation Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Washington, D.C. While at the Justice Department, Phil received the Justice Department's Special Achievement Award for Trial Performance and was a regular lecturer and instructor at the Attorney General's Civil Trial Advocacy Institute. In private practice, Mr. Kolczynski has worked as an associate and partner in large law firms in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles.

Mr. Kolczynski graduated from Case Western Reserve School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio, in December 1976, where he was the Law Review Notes Editor of the Journal of International Law. He graduated from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1969, where he held a Navy ROTC Full Scholarship. After college but before entering law school, Phil Kolczynski was a Marine Corps Captain and F-4 Phantom Pilot. He holds an FAA Commercial Pilot's License with Single Engine, Multi-Engine and Instrument Ratings.

For over 10 years, Mr. Kolczynski has taught Aviation Law and the Technical Witness Course at the University of Southern California School of Engineering, Aviation Safety and Accident Investigation Institute. He was the Chairman of the 1990 American Bar Association National Institute of Aviation Litigation in Washington, D.C. and for three years Chairman of the Orange County Bar Association Aviation Section. Phil was the Aviation Law Editor for

“AVWEB”, the Internet Aviation News Service & Magazine – <http://www.avweb.com> – where his articles on Aviation Law have been archived.

As an experienced federal trial lawyer, Mr. Kolczynski was selected by James Publishing Company, to author and annually update until his retirement, the Second Edition of “Preparing For Trial in Federal Court,” a practitioner’s trial practice handbook.

In 2005, Mr. Kolczynski was selected as a Los Angeles “Super Lawyer” in the fields of transportation (aviation) and business by an independent research panel and peer review. He retained this annual distinction each year until his retirement from the private practice of law. On a national level, while in private practice, Mr. Kolczynski was recognized with a biographical summary in the Martindale Hubbell Directory of Pre-eminent attorneys.