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## Editor's Note

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This edition of the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce* is unique in three ways. First, this edition deals exclusively with issues in international aviation law. In the past decade our world has become a global community, making international law increasingly more important in various industries. This increased globalization impacts the aviation industry on many different levels. This edition of the *Journal* addresses some of these issues, with topics ranging from a discussion of the most recent UNIDROIT Convention, to aircraft noise regulation, to the dilemmas facing courts addressing mental distress damages in accidents occurring over international waters and territories.

The Comments published in this edition are also unique because the authors are all practicing attorneys who wrote these articles as graduate students at Georgetown University Law Center. These Comments were originally written for Professor Allan Mendelsohn's International Transportation Law Seminar at Georgetown. Please notice that Ms. Claes's article and Mr. Rolf's article take opposing viewpoints on the aircraft noise regulation issue. We hope you find this dialogue useful and interesting.

Finally, many of these articles are so timely that portions of them may require revisions by the time this book reaches your desk. When this book went to press at the end of March 2000, all the articles were as up-to-date as possible. Please be aware that the Claes, Rodrigues, and Rolf articles involve ever-changing areas of law and are accurate as of March 2000. But even as the law changes, these articles will still provide you with a thorough starting point for delving further into these areas on your own.

The *Journal's* Board of Editors was honored to publish this important edition of the *Journal*. We welcome your thoughts on these issues and ideas for future topics.

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Editor-in-Chief



# Articles

