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Elaine Solomon is the co-chair of Blank Rome's aviation practice. She concentrates her practice in the areas of aviation law and litigation, product liability and tort litigation. Elaine also has a background in labor and employment law. She has represented airlines, airports, product manufacturers, and general aviation clients in a vast array of matters for more than 25 years. The touchstone to Elaine's approach to clients is personalized legal services and responsiveness to client needs. Her experience includes:

- negligence and product liability suits arising out of accidents involving commercial and general aviation aircraft, ground equipment, and airport facilities and systems
- litigation involving aircraft engines, component parts, aviation products/equipment, and avionics for commercial, charter, general aviation and military aircraft
- personal injury, breach of contract, and other claims arising out of design and construction of airport facilities
- hull, property damage, contribution/indemnity, subrogation, and insurance coverage opinions and disputes
- a cross- practice approach to UAS-related legal, regulatory, insurance and risk management issues
- claims involving FBOs, MROs, repair/service facilities, flight schools, air show operators and ground services providers
- passenger claims including "air rage", disruptive passengers, flight crew interference, denied boarding, flight and tarmac delays
- airport/airline/passenger TSA safety and security issues
- airline bankruptcy claims and agreements for insured claims
- negotiation and litigation of airline-airport leases, third party contractor

- and/or vendor agreements, and Master Services Agreements
- compliance with and claims involving FARs, Air Carrier Access Act, DOHSA, Admiralty and other federal laws and international treaties, as well as associated federal preemption, *forum non conveniens*, and conflict of law issues
- assistance with FAA, NTSB and international accident investigations and proceedings

Elaine's background in labor/employment law and litigation, includes:

- state and federal discrimination claims and grievances at the administrative and court levels
- RLA grievances and lawsuits
- seniority and benefits disputes
- wage and hour matters
- lawsuits and claims against air carriers alleging discrimination based on nationality, sexual orientation, and/or religious practices, including third party complaints filed with DOT
- union representation issues, unfair labor practice charges, and union grievances

Elaine serves on the board of editors for the newly launched publication, *RAIL: The Journal of Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & Law* (Fastcase). She also frequently presents at industry conferences, with previous engagements including the American Conference Institute's 6th Annual Forum on Defending and Managing Aviation Claims & Litigation, where she gave a presentation on "The Present and Future Landscape of Drone Usage, Regulation, Integration and Litigation," and the SMU Air Law Symposium, where she spoke on "Drones: The Good, the Bad, and What About the Ethics" and "Criminalization of Air Disasters: What Goal, If Any, Is to Be Achieved?"

Outside The Firm

Elaine has served as a commissioner and coach for Upper Dublin Intramural Soccer.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court - Middle District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association

- International Aviation Womens Association
- Order of the Coif
- University of Florida Alumni Association
- University of Maryland Alumni Association

Education

- University of Florida, BA, with high honors
- University of Maryland School of Law, JD, with high honors

Recognitions

- AV Preeminent®, listed in Martindale-Hubbell®

Professional Activities

Elaine is a member of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section and the Aviation & Space Law Committee of the American Bar Association and of the International Aviation Women's Association.