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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, and 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

Certifications:

- Certified, FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test Training Course/Passed Test

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

- Member, Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association
- Member, Aviation & Space Law Committee of the American Bar Association
- Member, International Aviation Womens Association