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General Counsel, International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Jeff Shane joined IATA as General Counsel in April 2013. In that role, he is responsible for managing IATA's Legal Services group, the delivery of legal advice to IATA's senior management, overseeing the legal services delivered to IATA by law firms around the world, and for working with IATA's member airlines to address legal issues of importance to the industry at large.

Immediately prior to joining IATA, Jeff was a partner at Hogan Lovells in its Washington, DC office.

In addition to his 14 years in private practice, Jeff had a long career in public service culminating with six years' service as Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy (2002-08). Recognized for his role in establishing an Open Skies aviation policy for the United States, he was also a principal architect of USDOT's approach to international aviation alliances and antitrust immunity. He championed the launch of the "NextGen" transformation of the U.S. air traffic control system, the acceleration of GPS modernization, and other vital technology initiatives to enhance both the efficiency and security of transportation.

Jeff held a variety of other senior positions at USDOT in earlier administrations. He was also Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Transportation Affairs for four years, where he served as chief U.S. aviation negotiator.

In September 2007 Jeff was elected President of the triennial Assembly of the UN International Civil Aviation Organization, the first American to serve in that position since 1959. From 1994 through 2001, Jeff was Chairman of the Commission on Air Transport of the International Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Military Airlift Committee of the National Defense Transportation Association. He was Chair of the American Bar Association's Forum on Air and Space Law from 2001 to early 2002. From 1985 through 1989, he was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University, teaching a course in international transportation law.

Jeff is the recipient of a number of professional recognitions, including Aviation Week's L. Welch Pogue Award for lifetime achievement in aviation. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his law degree from Columbia University, where he was Articles Editor of the Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

He lives with his wife and two daughters in Montreal.