

**2012 IAWA Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award
Presented to Katherine B. Posner, Partner, Condon & Forsyth LLP**



The International Aviation Women's Association (IAWA) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2012 IAWA Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award. This award recognizes women who are leaders in their field of aviation, have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of women in the industry and are respected as team players by men and women alike. As a woman who epitomizes these attributes, we are honored to recognize Kathy Posner as the first ever recipient of this award.

Kathy has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the advancement of women in the aviation industry. She is a founding member of IAWA and has served as President, Board and Advisory Board member. Kathy is also the immediate Past President of the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation and a Member of the Board of Trustees of Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology.

Kathy believes that informal mentoring is extremely important and strives to be an example for the women she comes in contact with every day. Kathy recognized the importance of mentoring when she became involved with the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation's mentoring circle program. The program allows members at all stages of their careers to join with their peers to foster personal and professional development. Participating members benefit from direct mentoring as they share ideas for meeting challenges in a supportive and encouraging environment. The program was the first of its kind and Kathy has been an active member for 20 years.

Kathy's professional credentials are equally impressive. She joined Condon & Forsyth LLP in 1977 and has been a partner in the firm's New York office since 1984. She concentrates her practice in the areas of insurance and reinsurance law and all phases of commercial litigation concerning aviation, product liability, mass disaster, employment and insurance matters. She has considerable experience in mediation and arbitration of commercial disputes in both state and federal forums. She is a trained mediator in commercial matters and also a trained facilitator on behalf of NYC-Parents-in-Action, a not for-profit organization that provides services and support to the independent school system in New York

City. Kathy also is in the process of becoming a certified insurance and reinsurance arbitrator through AIDA Reinsurance and Insurance Arbitration Society (ARIAS - U.S.).

Kathy was selected in 2011 as a New York Super Lawyer in the field of Insurance Law. She is listed in Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers, a listing of prominent aviation attorneys throughout the world, and in the *Legal 500* editions on litigation for her work in Insurance and Reinsurance. Along with Condon & Forsyth LLP being selected as one of the top aviation law firms for 2011 by *Legal 500*, special mention was made of Kathy being highly recommended for her work as a leader in the firm's insurance coverage practice.

Kathy has published articles on a variety of issues relating to aviation and insurance law and has participated as a speaker at numerous conferences sponsored by the American Bar Association, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the Aviation Insurance Association and various bar and other organizations around the world. She is the author of chapters on aviation insurance in the New York State Bar Association's Insurance Law Practice and in the ABA Litigating the Aviation Case. Kathy also is the editor of the Condon & Forsyth LLP Newsletter, Client Bulletin and Client Alert publications.

We thank Kathy for her leadership, perseverance and many contributions to IAWA and look forward to presenting the award to her at IAWA's 24th Annual Conference, titled: "Cleared for Take Off - Aviation's Impact on Growth, Jobs and World Commerce." The conference will take place on October 3-5, 2012 at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Texas.