



## Robert A. Braun

### Partner

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Robert Braun has extensive experience in regulatory compliance and liability defense in the aerospace industry. He advises airlines, aircraft manufacturers, and private aviation clients on FAA regulations, certification, licensing, accident investigations, and insurance disputes. With a strong focus on risk management, Robert helps clients navigate the complexities of aviation law and operations.

Licensed in Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin, Robert has tried more than 30 cases to verdict, representing airlines, general aviation, and transportation clients in matters involving mishaps, accidents, and major losses across the country.

A former active-duty JAG officer in the United States Air Force, Robert served as both a prosecutor and defense attorney. During his five years of active duty service he was appointed as the attorney-advisor to several Aircraft Major Mishap Accident Investigation Boards and defended pilots before Flying Evaluation Boards.

Earlier in his career, Robert served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable J. P. Stadtmueller, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

## Professional Affiliations

- Illinois Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association
- Wisconsin Bar Association

## Representative Matters

- Represented a pilot-owner's estate following a mid-air collision involving traffic avoidance systems.
- Successfully defended a pilot-owner's estate following an engine failure crash of a vintage jet in Wisconsin.
- Defended a repair facility following the loss of a Mooney aircraft in Indiana.
- Won summary judgment in favor of an aviation insurer following a runway excursion in Wisconsin.
- Obtained summary judgment for an airline in Cook County, Illinois, based on proper emergency response.

## Practices

Commercial Litigation

## Industries

Aviation & Aerospace

Insurance Coverage

Transportation

## Education

J.D., University of Wisconsin  
Law School, 1997

B.A., University of Notre Dame

## Admissions

Illinois

Texas

Wisconsin

U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Seventh Circuit

U.S. Military Court of Criminal  
Appeals

U.S. District Court for the  
Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the  
Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the  
Eastern and Western Districts  
of Wisconsin



- Effectively defended an airport maintenance vendor from a workplace wrongful death action in Illinois.
- Successfully defended an airline in a lawsuit involving the Air Carrier Access Act.
- Obtained dismissal of the owner defendant involving a fatal helicopter crash in Australia.
- Defended an airline in a lawsuit based in response to a passenger's mid-flight sudden illness.
- Won a not-guilty trial verdict in Cook County, Illinois, for a commercial property management company.

## **Presentations**

Robert presents on evidence preservation in aviation cases, focusing on best practices for maintaining evidence integrity.

## **Community/Civic Activities**

- National Ski Patrol, Volunteer Ski Patroller