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He regularly advises on aircraft finance matters (German and cross-border leases, sale and purchase of aircraft, registration of title and security interests, and repossession), corporate transactions, regulatory matters (licensing, traffic rights, certification, and airport construction), competition issues, insolvency proceedings, tour operator liability regulation and other aviation issues.

Mr Ehlers graduated from Munich University in 1982 and received post-graduate degrees from the Institute of Air and Space Law of McGill University (Montreal) and the Institute of Air and Space Law of Cologne University.

Among others, he serves on the committee of management of the European Air Law Association, the advisory board of the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce* (SMU-Dallas) and the board of the McGill Institute of Air and Space Law Association. In 1988 he founded the European Alumnae and Alumni Association of the McGill Institute of Air and Space Law. He serves as the secretary-general of this association.

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Ulrich regularly represents clients in relation to aviation litigation before the German courts: for instance, cases associated with aircraft accidents, disputes over ground handling, passenger and cargo claims, and other general commercial litigation matters. He has also represented a multitude of cargo and passenger airlines in matters involving various authorities, including the German Civil Aviation Authority, the German Emissions Trading Authority, the Canadian Transportation Agency, the European Aviation Safety Agency, Air Traffic Control, DGMove and the US Department of Transportation. In addition, he and his team provide a complete claims handling service for well-known international carriers in Germany and for the Austrian market.

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