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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Land Use; Aviation Industry Law



Barbara E. Lichman, Ph.D. has an extensive and successful record representing airports, municipalities, developers, and other public and private clients in litigation and administrative proceedings under Federal Aviation statutes such as the Airline Deregulation Act and Airport Noise and Capacity Act; the California Public Utilities Code governing land use in airport environs (Aeronautics Act); and federal and state environmental statutes including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Clean Air Act, the Federal Clean Water Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, and the California Coastal Act. She has also successfully represented clients in litigation involving land use issues such as inverse condemnation, development agreements and specific plan amendments. Dr. Lichman holds a doctorate in urban and regional planning.

Dr. Lichman's experience is both national and international. As a Registered Federal Lobbyist, Dr. Lichman successfully lobbied and testified before Congress on behalf of aircraft owners and operators on issues including the grant of investment tax credits for noise reduction of aircraft engines. She also served as counsel to Air AAA Group, a consortium of international architectural, engineering and construction companies in their airport development activities at Pudong Airport, Shanghai, China. Dr. Lichman served as managing partner of Chevalier, Allen & Lichman, LLP, for sixteen years, and has been at Buchalter for six years.

Dr. Lichman's clients include public entities, airport owners/sponsors, land developers, major power generating companies, airport fixed-base operators (FBOs), and aircraft owners.

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Published Cases

United States Courts of Appeals

- *City of Mukilteo, Wa. v. U.S. Dept. of Transp.*, 815 F.3d 632 (9th Cir. 2016)
- *Tinicum Township, Pa. v. U.S. Dept. of Transp.*, 685 F.3d 288 (3rd Cir. 2012)
- *41 North 73 West, Inc. v. U.S. D.O.T.*, 408 Fed.Appx. 393 (2nd Cir. 2010)
- *City of Las Vegas, Nev. v. F.A.A.*, 570 F.3d 1109 (9th Cir. 2009)
- *County of Delaware, Pa. v. Department of Transp.*, 554 F.3d 143 (D.C. Cir. 2009)
- *City of Olmsted Falls, Ohio v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*, 435 F.3d 632 (6th Cir. 2006)
- *City of Olmsted Falls, OH v. F.A.A.*, 292 F.3d 261 (D.C. Cir. 2002)

State Courts of Appeal

- *Olmsted Falls v. Jones*, 152 Ohio App.3d 282 (Ohio App. 10th Dist. 2003)
- *Citizens for Jobs and the Economy v. County of Orange*, 94 Cal.App.4th 1311 (2002)

U.S. District Courts

- *SilverWing at Sandpoint, LLC V. Bonner County*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 165000 (D. Idaho 2014)
- *City of Olmsted Falls v. U.S. E.P.A.*, 266 F.Supp.2d 718 (N.D. Ohio 2003)
- *City of Olmsted Falls v. U.S. E.P.A.*, 233 F.Supp.2d 890 (N.D. Ohio 2002)

Publications

- FAA Administrator Explains Agency's Hands Off Approach to Safety Certification, April 4, 2019
- Drones Get Center Stage as FAA Proposes to Loosen Restrictions, February 19, 2019
- Congress Provides for Numerous Noise Studies in 2018 FAA Reauthorization Act, January 2, 2019
- FAA Stands Firm in Defense of Federal Preemption of Airspace Regulations, July 25, 2018
- Appellate Court Affirms FAA Control Over Recreational Drones, July 10, 2018
- Law 360: How The House FAA Bill Champions Air Travelers' Rights, May 11, 2018
- FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 Gives the Nod to Passenger's Rights, Both in the Air and On the Ground, April 20, 2018
- FAA Supports the Right of Airport Sponsor to Use Airport Funds in Defense of Locally Enacted Noise Restrictions, April 6, 2018
- The First Round in Petitioners' Challenge to the SoCal Metroplex Project, March 27, 2018
- Challenge to FAA's Southern California Airspace Redesign Progresses, March 21, 2018
- The Privatization of Air Traffic Control Vigorously Opposed by General Aviation Groups, December 11, 2017
- Operators of Small Unmanned Aircraft Uses for Recreational Purposes Will Soon Face Regulation, November 22, 2017
- Connecticut State Statute Limiting the Length of the Runway at Tweed-New Haven Airport Resists Federal Preemption Challenge, October 23, 2017
- Congress' Attempt to Transfer Air Traffic Control to a Private Corporation Leaves a Great Deal to the Imagination, September 26, 2017
- Uber Flies High in FAA's Airspace, May 19, 2017
- Privatization of the United States Air Traffic Control System Hits Roadblock in the U.S. Senate, March 18, 2016
- Senate Version of Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Preempts Local Drone Regulations, March 18, 2016
- Los Angeles City Council at Long Last Agrees to Transfer Ontario International Airport to the City of Ontario and Ontario International Airport Authority, December 21, 2015
- City of Burbank Attempts to Strike Deal with FAA for Curfew at Burbank Airport, December 21, 2015
- Airlines Will Be Affected by New Federal Ozone Standards, October 19, 2015
- Culver City and Inglewood Weigh in on SoCal Metroplex Project, October 19, 2015
- FAA Administrator Announces New "Compliance Philosophy" for the Agency, October 12, 2015
- NTSB Faults FAA in Private Spacecraft Investigation, September 22, 2015
- Congress Seeks to End Run Federal Aviation Administration on Drone Rules, June 23, 2015
- FAA Requires New Integrated Model for Noise and Air Quality Impact Analysis, June 2, 2015
- Town of East Hampton Explores Limits of Aircraft Noise Regulation, May 5, 2015
- California State Lawmakers Move to Regulate Drones, March 17, 2015

- Land Trade and Airport Expansion Expected to Put Mammoth Mountain on "Must Ski" Map, February 10, 2015
- East Hampton Airport Still Subject to FAA Oversight of Noise Restrictions Despite Absence of FAA Funding Constraints, January 7, 2015
- FAA Denies LAX Request for Approval of Longtime, "Over-Ocean," Noise Mitigation Measure, December 30, 2014
- The Federal Surface Transportation Board Finds California Environmental Quality Act Preempted as Applied to High-Speed Rail Projects, December 24, 2014
- FAA Reports Increasing Conflict Between Drones and Civil Aviation, December 3, 2014
- Bonner County Wins Major Victory in Property Owner's "Takings" Lawsuit, November 24, 2014
- FAA Loosens Regulation of Taxes on Aviation Fuel, November 12, 2014
- FAA Seeks Input from Governmental Entities Concerning Revised Air Traffic Routes Over Southern California, November 11, 2014
- California Once Again Relinquishes Clean Air Act Enforcement Responsibility to the Federal Government , October 28, 2014
- One Community Gets Relief from Aircraft Noise, October 23, 2014
- EPA Challenged to Issue Endangerment Finding and Rule Governing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Aircraft Engines , September 15, 2014
- FAA Seeks Comments on Exemption from Environmental Review for New Airspace Procedures, September 4, 2014
- FAA Proposes to Increase its Authority Over Off-Airport Development , July 10, 2014
- Santa Monica Airport Commission's Proposal to Limit Aircraft Access by Limiting Emissions is Foreclosed by Federal Law , May 6, 2014
- Decision in Pirker Case Invokes Specter of Local Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, April 21, 2014
- FAA Pushes Back Against Advocates of Unregulated Drone Operations, April 17, 2014
- Appellate Court Grants Wide Discretion to Newhall Land and Farming Project Proponents in the Determination of the Significance of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Under CEQA, March 31, 2014
- EPA Extends Public Comment Period for "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units" , March 7, 2014
- High Court Goes a Second Round with Environmental Protection Agency Over Greenhouse Gas Emission Regulations, February 28, 2014
- Judge Blocks City of Santa Monica's Latest Effort to Close the Santa Monica Airport, February 20, 2014
- El Paso County Seeks Control Over Colorado Springs Airport, January 27, 2014
- California Legislators Successful in Obtaining Relief from Helicopter Noise, January 22, 2014

Education

Dr. Lichman earned her J.D. at the USC Gould School of Law in 1988 after receiving her M.P.L. and Ph.D. from the USC School of Urban and Regional Planning. She earned her B.A. at Brandeis University.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona – Tucson Division
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada
- U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho – Northern Division