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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Stephen Dempsey".

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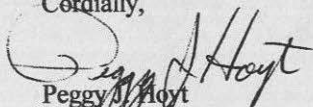
The Transportation Law Journal staff is proud to offer you this symposium issue entitled "Examination of Aviation Issues and Law." It is a survey of aviation issues contributed to by distinguished practitioners, with an obvious passion for aviation. In addition to the special tribute to the late Michael Chowdry, this symposium edition includes an analysis of cargo liability in Dean's "Beyond the Wild Blue Yonder."

The issue moves from cargo liability to medical liability for passengers who develop deep vein thrombosis, also called the economy class syndrome (Risseto). Of course no aviation symposium would be complete without a piece on labor law (see Risseto) and recent developments in the aviation industry (see Meitus). Finally, it also includes three student comments.

The Editor-in-Chief, the staff and I join Rick Shuyler in encouraging you to take a moment to read the Michael Chowdry tribute. While his life is not a topic for scholarly debate, it is an inspiration.

I am sure you will find this examination of aviation issues and law informative and forward-looking. It should provide you not only with interesting analysis but also with personal inspiration . . . an unusual feat for any law journal. Thank you for your continued support of the Transportation Law Journal!

Cordially,



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Dear Subscriber:

I am honored to have been asked to contribute to the introduction of the 2001 symposium issue of the Transportation Law Journal, "Examination of Aviation Issues and Law." Not that the combination of aviation issues and law is so unusual. What is unusual is that a part of this Symposium is dedicated to an international Aviation Icon, a man who took to the sky with the same fervor that he took to each new "deal." In keeping with the wild frontiers so often analogous to the aviation industry, Michael Chowdry entered the spotlight with his creation of Atlas Air, Inc. and it's unique niche concept within the aviation industry.

Sadly, he exited the spotlight this year with the same fervor, after his Czechoslovakian fighter plane crashed, killing Michael and his passenger, Jeff Cole (a reporter for the Wall Street Journal who, coincidentally, had corresponded with the Transportation Law Journal regarding co-authoring a piece on aviation). While I am attempting to fill his shoes as Atlas' CEO, I am still inspired by him daily. I encourage you to read the tribute to Michael Chowdry and share in this inspiration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard H. Shuyler".

Richard H. Shuyler  
Chief Executive Officer  
Atlas Air, Inc.

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