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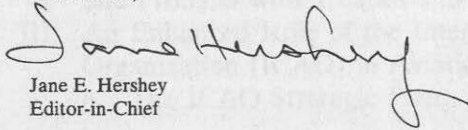
This symposium issue entitled, "How Safe are Our Skies?", is dedicated to coverage of airline safety and security issues. The publication of this issue marks the end of nearly a year of collecting articles and comments from prominent aviation consultants, aviation organizations, professors, and government representatives. While many of the authors in this issue are not attorneys, each one of the authors has years of experience in the airline industry. This issue features authors experienced in pilot training, the air traffic control system, and security systems, just to name a few. We are very proud of this issue, not only for its particular focus, but also for its complete coverage of safety and security in the airline industry.

The purpose of this issue is to expose the safety and security problems in the airline industry and create a dialogue, among industry leaders, independent consultants, academia, attorneys, and government leaders, so that some of the problems identified in this issue can be addressed and resolved. Air travel is one of the most popular modes of transportation, and while it is also one of the safest modes of transportation, airline crashes receive a great deal of publicity. As we approach the 21st Century and air travel continues to develop and advance our society, the *Transportation Law Journal (TLJ)*, with this issue, challenges the airline industry, as well as government leaders and private consultants, to work together to maintain safe, secure, and efficient air travel for individuals around the world.

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