

**PRESS RELEASE**

**MCLARENS AVIATION CONTINUES NORTH AMERICAN GROWTH WITH CHICAGO  
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McLarens Aviation, the largest provider of survey and loss adjusting services to the global aviation industry, has opened an office in Chicago. In addition to extending its North American footprint - which includes offices in Houston, Miami, Seattle, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver - the new office expands McLarens Aviation's hull and liability claims handling capability in the Americas region.

The Chicago office will be headed up by Michael Staszal (BSc Aviation Safety), who joins as an Aviation Surveyor from Peter J. Mc Breen & Associates. A qualified Airline Transport Pilot and flight instructor, Staszal has over eight years aviation adjusting experience and 13 years experience working in the aviation sector (including for airlines American Trans Air and COMAIR).

In addition to supporting the development of McLarens Aviation's established Claims Management, Risk Management and Asset Management product lines, Staszal will work with McLarens Aviation's recently launched Liability line. The product line handles high value, complex aviation liability claims, primarily airline passenger injury, cargo and airport operators liability claims (personal injury, property and aircraft damage) as well as claims relating to ground handling operations.

This latest expansion of McLarens Aviation's extensive North American network follows on shortly from the opening of a Vancouver office in April.

**Ken Forsyth, Regional Director, Americas, commented:** "This represents an expansion of both our geographical reach and the services that we can provide to clients in the region. Since I joined the business 16 years ago we have placed a great emphasis on expanding our services in line with client demand and have subsequently evolved from being seen as an airline only business, to servicing all aspects of the aviation sector, including general and executive aviation. We are now looking to expand our services in liability claims handling and I am delighted that we are able to bring in industry experts such as Michael to help us meet this demand."

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

McLarens Aviation is the aviation division of global claims services provider McLarens.

McLarens Aviation is a leading provider of survey and loss adjusting services to the global aviation industry, specialising in all types of aircraft, from helicopters and single-seater general aviation aircraft, to business jets and large airliners. Our clients include the aviation insurance market, aircraft operators, airports, maintenance and repair organisations (MROs), financiers, lessors, oil and mining companies, law firms and regulators.

McLarens Aviation is the world's largest specialist aviation loss adjusting provider, both in terms of geographical reach and human resource. It has a team of over 70 in-house aviation specialists, operating across 24 offices in 15 countries. Moreover, McLarens has a global network of loss adjusters that spans the globe, operating in 300 locations around the world.

All McLarens Aviation surveyors are licensed aviation engineers and many are also qualified pilots. McLarens Aviation manages in excess of 2,900 insurance related assignments each year.

McLarens Aviation also offers tailored risk audits as well as boasting one of the most comprehensive independent asset management capabilities in the business, providing a broad range of services from expert advice during aircraft acquisition, to a full aircraft portfolio management function, for lessors, banks, financiers and operators.

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