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CHIP BIGGERS, AVIATION INVESTIGATOR, EXPERT WITNESS

Dear Fellow Aviation Bar Specialists,

With over 20 years' experience performing various Aviation Legal roles, my career includes leading international investigations, working as chief in-house counsel for airlines, leading Special Marine Corps Aviation expeditions, coordinating flying operations and maintenance for various aircraft fleets, and efficiently allocating assets to execute real world combat missions and embassy evacuations.

My career becomes unique when one considers piloting aircraft into real world missions was an integral part of each of these legal roles. My incident free 4,000 international flight hours, include 147 hours of tactical combat operations, Night Vision Goggle (NVG) flight, flying commercial airline routes, landing on aircraft carriers, and flying gliders. All this spanned over 40 years providing the unique point of view enabling me to aviation law from the cockpit. In the course of which also earned my ATP, CFI, and all NATOPS Flight Instructor ratings.

My family emigrated from Lebanon with me the first person earning a degree from a large university or institution. My engineering degree from Georgia Tech, as well as law degree, and International MBA, both from USC, round out my civilian education setting me up to successfully handle any Aviation Law issue. My 4 USPTO patents and successful lobbying for the famous "Swaps Exemption," demonstrate adroit political skills. Passed the bar in two states, and serve as a proud Board Member for the Aviation Law Specialty Section of the State Bar of Texas for the last 5 years.

My greatest accomplishment is Lead Investigator for the Yankee 72 Accident, the Marine Corps' worst aviation accident killing 16 Marines. This report was held as **'the most thorough, and well written' JAG Command Investigation Report ever written**. Have been subpoenaed internationally on a regular basis to testify as an Expert Aviation Witness by various organizations including Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), Department of Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DODCIS), and various US Attorneys' offices. This includes not only expert courtroom testimony, but also helping investigators and attorneys understand extremely complex technical issues concerning aviation, maintenance, operations, safety (also have additional education), and crew management under stress (where my ability has won accolades.) Also includes testifying as a Weapons Expert.

The common threads to my success are humility and extremely strong leadership skills. Lifting up large groups of people with my unique brand of leadership is my passion. High tide raises all ships. My leadership ethos is always put your people first; be the selfless giver.

My proudest achievement is providing closure to the families of my 16 Marines from the Yankee 72 crash. These are the same Marines whom I had previously led in Africa. Always take care of my Marines.

Sincerely,

Chip Biggers, Esq