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Kathryn Grace is chair of the firm's national Aviation & Aerospace Practice and serves as regional managing partner for the firm's Charlotte and Raleigh, North Carolina, offices. She has a dedicated civil practice in complex litigation. While her focus is aviation, Kathryn handles other transportation and general liability matters.

Kathryn is widely recognized for her superior communications skills and ability to organize, strategize and continually assess the status of her cases to determine possible resolution opportunities. She makes it a priority to maintain constant contact with clients and carriers.

A world traveler, Kathryn has toured England, Wales, Scotland, the Czech Republic, Italy, Portugal, France, Austria, Hungary, Denmark, New Zealand, Fiji, Kenya, the Seychelles, Spain, and Sweden. She frequently visits her native Ireland, and lived in Dubai for three years as a child. Kathryn studied in Dublin for a semester of college and in Sydney during law school. Her impressive itinerary is reflected in her perspective and sensitivity to other cultures.

Kathryn participates in the annual Notre Dame summer mock interview program for law students, which pairs current students with Notre Dame alumni to conduct mock interviews that will help prepare them for the fall recruiting season. All rising second-year students are required to participate in the program, and all rising third-year students are invited to participate as well. This is the fifth year of the program.

Aviation & Aerospace

Kathryn's excellent analytical skills and her ability to be decisive make her an intrinsic member of Wilson Elser's aviation team and helicopter defense team. Her location in the DC Metro area positions her to represent a variety of aviation interests, including military contractors, commercial airlines and general aviation entities. Examples include representation of a major airline in a COVID-19 wrongful death claim, another major airline

Services

- Aviation & Aerospace
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- National Trial Team
- Transportation

in a class action matter, a legacy airline in a serious injury case arising out of lightning strikes and one of the country's largest FBOs in a significant dispute with a regional airline.

Trucking, Transportation & Cargo

Kathryn handles transportation matters for one of the world's leading food and beverage companies and one of the world's largest take-out restaurant chains, both of which she has defended at trial. She also represents other trucking and transportation companies in personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Education

- George Mason University School of Law (J.D., 2005)
 - Trial Advocacy Association, George Mason Inn of Court
- University of Notre Dame (B.B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2002)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- North Carolina

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina
- U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

Professional Affiliations

- International Aviation Womens Association
- George Mason Inn of Court Emeritus Member and Member of Membership Committee

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® *Women in Law*, 2025
- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Personal Injury

Litigation – Defendants, 2021, 2023

- Washington, DC's Top Lawyers in Civil Defense, *Washingtonian* Magazine, 2021–2022
- Selected for inclusion in Virginia Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™, 2012–2020
- Selected for inclusion in Washington DC Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™, 2013–2020