



## **ROBERT A. DUNCAN, *OF COUNSEL***

In 2011, Robert Duncan was recognized as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Mitch Daniels. He was also named Aviation Indiana's Person of the Year in 1996. In 2023 Bob was inducted into the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame.

Bob initially joined Norris Choplin Schroeder LLP in July 2011, following 38 years of service to the Indianapolis Airport Authority in the roles of general counsel, airport director and special advisor to the CEO, successively. In March 2012, the Indianapolis Airport Authority recalled Bob to serve as executive director, a position he held until December 2014. During his tenure, he was responsible for a substantial land acquisition program with more than \$250 million in expenditures, supervision of human resources and operational departments and overseeing the day-to-day legal and regulatory issues among the Authority's six airports, including Indianapolis International Airport. In his role as executive director, he had oversight of all aspects of the Authority's six airports and 500 employees. He is an accredited airport executive by the American Association of Airport Executives. These experiences uniquely position Bob to handle a wide range of aviation, business and real estate areas.

Bob frequently lectured on aviation and airport legal matters at American Association of Airport Executives specialty conferences, at Federal Aviation Administration safety seminars, at Purdue University aviation classes, and at various continuing legal education seminars. Bob is a former adjunct professor of law at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law where he taught aviation law. Bob serves as a moot court judge at the school from time to time.

As an active pilot, Bob holds Airline Transport Pilot and Flight Instructor Certificates for single and multi-engine aircraft and has more than 8,300 hours of flight experience. Bob has served as Chief Flight Instructor at several Indianapolis area flight training facilities and for 34 years served as an FAA designated pilot examiner which authorized him to test and issue appropriate pilot certificates and ratings. The FAA awarded Bob with its Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for more than 50 years of accident-free flying. He currently serves as a director and legislative chairperson for Aviation Indiana. He is also a board member of the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame.

Previously, Bob was heavily involved as a coach and board member to various youth sports organizations. He has also volunteered as a director for the Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce, served as an attorney to the Brownsburg Police Commission and was an Angel Flight pilot. He also served as a chairman of the Indianapolis Air Show. Bob is a past board member of the Brownsburg Public Library and currently serves as the library's legal counsel. He is also a former board member and president of the Brownsburg Education Foundation.

### **Education**

- » Hanover College, B.A., 1967
- » Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., 1971

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

- » Aviation
- » Business Services
- » Real Estate

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## Bar Admissions

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- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- » U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- » State of Indiana

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## Publications/Presentations

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- » Author, "Aircraft Fueling- FBO or Airport Operator Responsibility" (1984)
- » Participating Author--"Aviation Law", Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (1994-2011) (2018)
- » Participating Speaker-- American Bar Association on Air and Space Law (1995)

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## Representative Experience

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### State of Indiana

- » *Town of Zionsville v. Hamilton County Airport Authority*, 970 N.E.2d 185 (Ind. Ct. App. 2012)

**For a list of unpublished cases, please contact Bob at rduncan@ncs-law.com.**

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## Professional Associations

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- » Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- » American Association of Airport Executives- Accredited Airport Executive
- » Aviation Indiana
- » Hendricks County Bar Association
- » Indiana State Bar Association
- » Indianapolis Aero Club
- » Indianapolis Bar Association
- » Lawyers-Pilots Bar Association