

NATIONAL LAW FIRM GIVES AMCC PRO BONO BOOST

May 12, 2006 – Blank Rome LLP, a national law firm based in Philadelphia, has agreed to provide pro bono editorial review of the environmental commentary to the [*Aviators' Model Code of Conduct*](#) (AMCC). Blank Rome's nationally recognized aviation and environmental practices provide expert counsel to clients in diverse business sectors. Its environmental engagements have included representing a major airline in a nationwide investigation of alleged violations of the Clean Water Act, RCRA, CERCLA, Title 18 of the United State Code, and the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. Its aviation engagements have included the representation of numerous major airlines, commuter airlines, manufacturers, pilots, and airports in operator disasters, accidents involving military aircraft and components, general aviation litigation, and other aviation-related incidents.

Blank Rome's environmental counsel includes former trial attorneys from the Department of Justice, former officials of the Environmental Protection Agency, and former assistant United States attorneys. Blank Rome's editorial review of the AMCC is spearheaded by Art Hankin, Beth Hass, and Lev Kalman, Esqs. "Blank Rome's generous contribution to the AMCC project is greatly appreciated and will help build the AMCC's quality and value to the General Aviation (GA) community" said Michael Baum of the AMCC project. Art Hankin, a partner at Blank Rome and a director of the Lawyer Pilots Bar Association, stated, "As both a pilot and attorney, I find the AMCC to be an extremely useful code for pilots and those interested in aviation safety."

The AMCC presents broad guidance and recommendations for GA pilots to improve airmanship, flight safety, and to sustain and improve the GA community. It presents a vision of excellence in GA aviation. The AMCC is a "living document," periodically updated to reflect changes in aviation practices and the aviation environment. The Commentary addresses selected issues within the AMCC to elaborate on their meaning, provide interpretive guidance, and help determine the most effective ways to adopt the AMCC.

The *Aviators' Model Code of Conduct*, together with supporting materials, is available as a free public service to the aviation community at <<http://www.secureav.com>>. The AMCC Permanent Editorial Board is presented at <<http://www.secureav.com/PEB.pdf>>. For further information about Blank Rome LLP, contact Art Hankin, Esq., at <hankin@blankrome.com>. For more information about the AMCC, contact <PEB@secureav.com>.

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