



DQ'S AVIATION TEAM CONTINUES TO THRIVE INTO 2018

Notwithstanding the 'adverse weather conditions' that the UK press tried to cultivate following the release of the 'Paradise Papers' in relation to the Isle of Man's Aviation industry and business industry as a whole, the outstanding global reputation of the Isle of Man Aircraft Registry and that of DQ's Aviation Team has been upheld and indeed strengthened. Despite the tough economic and other external factors influencing the business aircraft industry, 2017 was another very successful year for DQ's Aviation team which is a testament to its strength.

DQ'S AVIATION TEAM

The team is led by director Stephen Dougherty, and it was bolstered by the addition of senior associate, Tara Cubbon. DQ was once again ranked in the top tier in Legal 500'S 2017 rankings.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

DQ recognises the importance of representing the Isle of Man and continuing to publicise the strength of both its Aircraft Registry and its Aviation industry as a whole at the premier events in the business Aviation calendar.

2017 began with DQ once again attending the Corporate Jet Investor conference in London in January. DQ has supported and worked closely with Corporate Jet Investor from the outset and the growth in the numbers of delegates and speakers at this conference has firmly established it as a 'must attend' event. We look forward to this year's event at the end of this month.

We attended EBACE for the 6th year running in Geneva and it was great to see how well represented the Isle of Man was as a whole and the professionalism of Simon Williams, the Head of the Isle of Man Aircraft Registry, and his team who made themselves available to meet with DQ's clients with little notice, adding further gravitas to the successful meetings with current and prospective clients.

We followed up EBACE with attendance at the Isle of Man Aviation Conference in June which was again an unqualified success. The number of people attending grows from year to year (from both the Isle of Man and abroad) and it has established itself firmly in the Aviation events calendar.

PUBLICATIONS AND PODCASTS

2017 was a busy year for DQ's contributions to the leading publications in the Aviation field, further cementing DQ's place as an industry leader. Having again contributed an article in Corporate Jet Investor's 'The Official Guide to Aircraft Registration' entitled 'Why Register an aircraft in the Isle of Man' we also contributed the Isle of Man chapters for 'The Aviation Law Review' and 'Aviation Finance – A Global Guide from Practical Law'. The feedback and new business enquiries that we have received as a result of these publications provided the confirmation that all of the hard work put in by DQ's team to produce these was unquestionably worthwhile.

Taking a slightly different tack, Stephen Dougherty was contacted by the Aviation Future Network, which is a relatively new not for profit platform that facilitates the sharing of ideas with the broader Aviation community, to be interviewed for its podcast entitled 'Going Offshore – Exploring the world of aircraft registration'. DQ feels that it is important to support these new initiatives and the feedback from those who listened to the podcast was universally positive and re-affirmed DQ's outlook and policy of trying to find the most up to date and effective ways of publicising not just the firm but the Isle of Man as a whole.

DQ'S EXPERTISE

DQ Advocates is a leading law firm that provides both Isle of Man and BVI law advice. Our lawyers have significant experience of Aviation transactions, acting for global commercial airlines, corporate and private owners of jets and helicopters, finance companies and aircraft operators.



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