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“Come fly with me,  
let's fly,  
let's fly away”



Editor's  
*note*

Come fly with me, let's fly, let's fly away-  
as Sinatra used to sing.

But what happens when things go wrong? Air travel is much more common today, allowing greater mobility and causing greater problems. Difficulties with jurisdiction, insurance and determining the appropriate regulations to apply are some of the many challenges facing the plaintiff lawyer in aviation cases. We look at some of these issues in this edition.

An invitation is extended to all members to contribute case notes to *Plaintiff*. When you are standing around the court corridors waiting for your case to get on you commonly trade stories of cases of interest with your fellow colleagues who are also cooling their heels. *Plaintiff* performs the same role so take the extra time to get something down on paper and then many more can benefit from your knowledge.

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