

AVIATION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR



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Kettani Law Firm (hereafter also, "KLF") is a major Moroccan business law firm founded in 1971 by Professor Azzedine Kettani who was admitted to practice as a lawyer in 1968 and is approved by the High Court of Justice of the Kingdom of Morocco. He was joined in 1992 by Nadia Kettani, who is the Head of the International Consulting Department while supervising some areas of the Litigation Department; and Rita Kettani in 1993, who is the Head of the Commercial Department, the Litigation Department and the Labour Law Department. The firm acts for banks and other financial institutions, international businesses, major public and private companies and government departments.

Kettani Law Firm covers the whole spectrum of financial and business activities, and is an acknowledged leader in the fields of corporate finance, banking, project finance, corporate and commercial law. Areas of particular expertise include stock exchange law, aviation law, telecommunications regulations, energy, tourism, labour law, intellectual property, audits and IPOs. Additionally, the firm has a great deal of experience in arbitration and litigation.

KLF has handled a number of high profile aviation projects for clients around the world. In 1992, the firm advised Ansett Aviation (an Australian company) for the financing of aircrafts. From 1997 to 2000, it represented Raytheon Aircraft for the sale and financing of aircrafts to Regional Airlines. KLF advised Regional Airlines for their aircraft financing in 2001 and represented EAST Trust-Sub 1 and GATX Capital Division from 2002 to 2005. Also, from 2002 to 2003, KLF advised GECAS on the review of their aircraft lease agreements. In 2006 and 2007, the firm

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assisted the lenders and ECAs, namely Barclays Bank Plc, Her Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State acting through the Export Credits Guarantee Department, Compagnie Française d'Assurance pour le Commerce Extérieur, Euler Hermes Kreditversicherungs AG for the financing of Airbus A321-211 and Airbus A321-200.

In 2010, Kettani Law Firm provided assistance to International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC) on its aircraft finance transactions in Morocco. From 2008 to 2012, the firm has been providing continued legal assistance to Air Arabia in the financing of its aircrafts.

In 2012-2013 Kettani Law Firm assist Royal Air Maroc in its various projects including aircraft financing.