

Ince & Co recruits new head of commercial aviation

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Law firm Ince & Co has appointed Hugh O'Donovan as head of commercial aviation.

O'Donovan will join the firm's aviation group on February 21 2014, from Quadrant Chambers. He will report to Ince's global head of aviation, Gillie Belsham.

O'Donovan is a barrister and former solicitor who has specialised in aviation regulatory, commercial and competition law for nearly 30 years.

His particular expertise covers international air transport regulation, all aspects of commercial agreements in the aviation industry, corporate transactions, as well as EU and UK competition law and merger regulations as they apply to the aviation sector.

O'Donovan has acted for an extensive number of airlines, airports, regulators, governments, investors and financiers. He was the "legal architect" of easyJet, advising on its start-up and its development. He has advised a number of airline restructurings and strategic initiatives as well as aircraft financing.

Belsham says: "Hugh's extensive aviation experience and expertise will be invaluable across the full breadth of our aviation practice and I am delighted to welcome him to the Ince Aviation team."

Luke Parsons QC, head of Quadrant Chambers said: "Given the nature of Hugh's practice, with its strong emphasis on advisory and transactional work, this move makes great sense both for him and for Ince & Co. Hugh has a wealth of expertise in the aviation field and his addition to the team will make the established relationship between Quadrant and Ince even stronger. We look forward to continuing to work with Hugh and the Ince Aviation team."

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