

# Brett Renton Discusses PFAS at the 2021 Florida Airports Council State Affairs Fly-In Meeting

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Brett Renton, a partner in Shutts & Bowen LLP's Orlando office, was a featured panelist during the 2021 Florida Airports Council State Affairs Fly-In Virtual Meeting, discussing ongoing multidistrict PFAS product-liability litigation affecting airports.

The 2021 FAC State Affairs Virtual Meeting took place on February 23-24, providing attendees with an opportunity to connect with important legislative leaders to advocate for Florida Airports and aviation. The PFAS Legislative Update took place during the Wednesday afternoon session on February 24, 2021. The panel session featured Brett Renton and other airport and industry experts, including Rebecca O'Hare (Deputy General Counsel, Florida League of Cities) and Darrick McGhee, Sr. (COO, Johnson & Blanton). The panelists discussed anticipated PFAS legislation and its importance to cities, the pitfalls of such legislation ahead of the first week of session, updates on product-liability lawsuits filed against the manufacturers of PFAS, as well as legislation regarding liability protection for airports.

For more information on this event, click here.

Founded in 1969, the Florida Airports Council (FAC) is composed of members representing Florida's commercial service airports, the state's publicly-owned general aviation airports, a Spaceport and more than 250 corporate, educational, affiliate, student chapters and student members. According to the organization, "the Council is committed to continued improvement of the many aviation facilities in Florida, as well as professional development of its members. Educational programs, conferences, webinars, and seminars are held each year to provide the membership with the tools necessary to perform their job responsibilities, as well as prepare them for more challenging positions in the future."

### **About Brett R. Renton**

Brett Renton is a partner in the Orlando office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group. Brett represents individuals, companies, corporations, banks and government entities in business litigation/transactions, construction law, landlord-tenant matters, and government/environmental issues. He has substantial experience in aviation legal matters,

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having represented the Sanford Airport Authority for more than a decade. Brett is part of a team of attorneys at Shutts & Bowen that are at the fore-front of fast-moving PFAS issues related to fire-fighting suppression foams. He is experienced in navigating high-stakes, emerging contaminant issues and regulatory obstacles, and was among the first lawyers in Florida to have filed litigation against PFAS manufacturing companies on behalf of airports. A Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent<sup>™</sup> rated attorney, Brett has consistently recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* since 2013 for his work.

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