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engineering



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Axten Aviation delivers professionally qualified, independent consultancy and expert witness services to the legal profession worldwide. Trusted across the global aviation industry, we provide authoritative insight where credibility and experience matter most.

Our consultants bring extensive experience across all aspects of commercial and general aviation operations, engineering, and associated aviation disciplines. This expertise is supported by strong operational knowledge across a wide range of aircraft types, from large commercial aircraft to helicopters, drones and microlights. Our multidisciplinary capability allows us to offer a true one-stop solution, often deploying multiple experts under a single instruction.

We have produced a substantial body of expert witness reports for both claimants and defendants, peer-reviewed through our in-house quality control system. The quality of our work has been recognised through a number of prestigious awards, including UK Aviation Expert of the Year from Lawyer Monthly, Aviation Expert of the Year from Lawyer International Legal 100, and the Innovation & Excellence Award from Corporate LiveWire.

Our aviation services range, from early-stage advice and expert opinion through to the delivery of courtroom evidence. Our team members have completed expert witness training, including with the Expert Witness Institute (EWI), Bond Solon, the Academy of Experts, and a specialist aviation chambers. The Axten team is led by Captain Chris Turner. Chris is an EWI Governor and Fellow, the only aviation expert certificated by the EWI, an APIL Tier One expert and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

We look forward to assisting you.

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Our Expertise & Clients

Axten Aviation's team offers expertise in:

- Operations: Fixed wing – Commercial and General Aviation (GA)
- Operations: Helicopter – Commercial and GA
- Engineering: Fixed wing – Commercial, GA, and leasing disputes
- Engineering: Helicopter – Commercial, GA, and leasing disputes
- Employment: Flight deck and aircraft engineering personnel
- Airfield Planning & Noise: Military and civil airfields
- Air Traffic Control: Civil approach and airfield control
- Airport Ground Operations: Civil approach and airfield control
- Meteorology: UK & Worldwide
- Drone Systems
- Microlight Operations
- Military Pilot Training

Clients include:

Anthony Gold Solicitors
Bonnar Law
Brodies LLP
Clyde and Co (UK & IRE)
DAC Beachcroft
Dean Wilson
DLA Piper
DWF Law
Evolution Town Planning
Freeths
Hay & Kilner
Heald Nickinson
HMW Law

Savills Estate Agents
Simmons and Simmons
Sintons
Squire Patton Boggs
Stephenson Harwood
Stewarts Law
TG Baynes
Thompsons Solicitors
Trevor Fox Solicitors
Truth Legal
Weightmans
Wikborg Rein

Holman Fenwick Willan
Hudgells
Irwin Mitchell
Jeffries Solicitors
Kennedys
Leigh Day
Mischon de Reya
Nexa Law
Norton Rose Fulbright
Preston Turnbull
Richard Buxton Solicitors
Reynolds Dawson

Our Cases

Cases include:

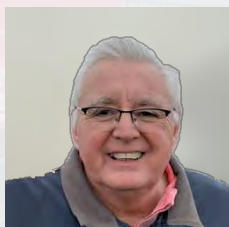
- Airfield noise disputes
- Airliner maintenance disputes
- Airliner ground collision
- Airliner turbulence encounter
- Cabin crew injury claims
- Aircraft leasing disputes – Russia (sanctions), Africa, and Asia
- Airliner accidents – UK, Europe, Asia, USA, and Africa
- Fixed wing accidents – General Aviation (GA) & Commercial
- GA aircraft maintenance and valuation disputes
- Helicopter accidents – GA & Commercial
- Airliner incidents – UK, Europe, Asia, USA, and Africa
- Fixed wing incidents – GA & Commercial
- Pilot and engineer earnings claims from lost or impeded careers
- Helicopter incidents – GA & Commercial
- GA helicopter maintenance and valuation disputes
- UK military and unlicensed airfield planning applications
- Non-aviation earnings claims linked to loss of potential aviation careers

Our Flight Ops Experts



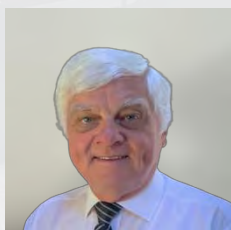
Chris Bridgwater
Consultant

- *Air Traffic Control*
- *Employment*



Captain Geoff Packer
Senior Consultant

- *Employment*
- *Helicopter Pilot*
- *Airfield Planning*



Captain Martin Burley
Senior Consultant

- *Airline Pilot*
- *Employment*
- *Helicopter Pilot*



Captain Jonathan Shooter
Senior Consultant

- *Airline Pilot*
- *General Aviation Pilot*



Dr Simon Keeling
Consultant

- *Meteorology*



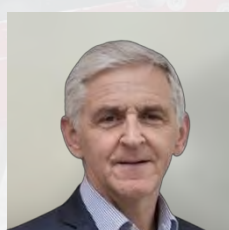
Captain Chris Turner
Senior Consultant

- *Airline Pilot*
- *Employment*
- *Airfield Planning*



Captain Andy Kilington
Senior Consultant

- *Airfield Planning*
- *Business Jet Pilot*
- *General Aviation Pilot*



Captain David Warner
Senior Consultant

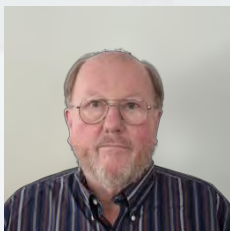
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- *Employment*



Captain Chris Kingswood
Senior Consultant

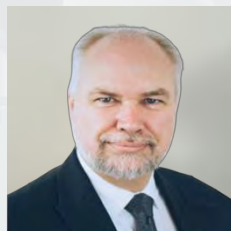
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- *Airfield Planning*
- *General Aviation Pilot*

Our Flight Ops Experts



Dewar Donnithorne-Tait
Consultant

- *Drones*



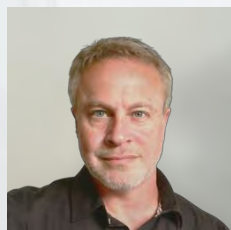
Steve Ikin
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- *Ground Handling*



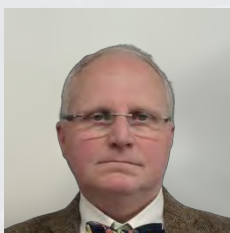
Captain Carl Downing
Consultant

- *Airline Pilot*
- *Employment*



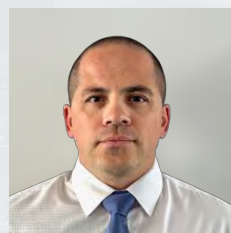
Captain Terry Lincoln
Consultant

- *Helicopter Pilot*



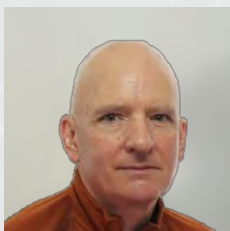
Professor Guy Gratton
Consultant

- *Microlight Pilot*
- *General Aviation Pilot*
- *Aerospace Engineer*



Mike Pape
Consultant

- *Military Pilot*
- *Airline Pilot*



Dr Stewart Houston
Consultant

- *Aerodynamics*
- *Seaplane Pilot*
- *General Aviation Pilot*



Captain Derek Spicer
Consultant

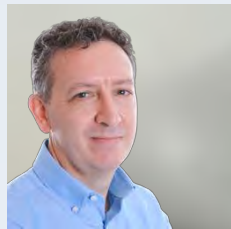
- *Airline Pilot*
- *Helicopter Pilot*
- *Airfield Planning*

Our Engineering Experts



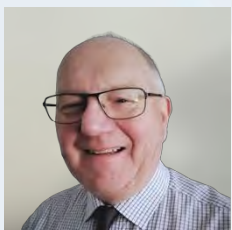
Richard Board
Senior Consultant

- *Airliner Engineering*



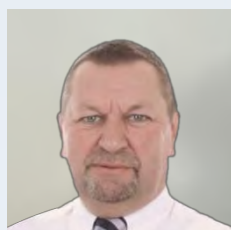
Steve Pickston
Consultant

- *Helicopter Engineering*



Terry Flynn
Senior Consultant

- *Airliner Engineering*
- *Airline Leasing*



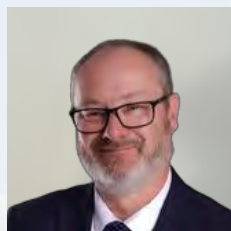
Jeff Rice
Senior Consultant

- *Airliner Engineering*
- *Helicopter Engineering*
- *General Aviation Engineering*



Trish Gray
Senior Consultant

- *Airliner Engines*



Julian Rose
Consultant

- *Airliner Engineering*
- *Business Jet Engineering*



Iain Noakes
Senior Consultant

- *General Aviation Engineering*

Why Axten Aviation?

"...the expert opinion of Captain Turner is to be preferred"

- UK Arbitration Final Award, GA aircraft incident

"They turned around a completed report for a challenging client within a very tight timescale. Their report was of a very high standard"

- London law firm, aircraft leasing dispute

"...responded quickly to a complex planning matter providing the clients, District Council, Committees and potentially the Secretary of State with clarity and confidence. The result being planning permission was achieved"

- UK planning firm, airfield planning case

"Report was very helpful in identifying disclosure necessary to complete the report, which assisted in our application to the Court for specific disclosure from the Defendant. Having the expert's insight into the documents that should exist in these cases (and in this case, were not disclosed) is particularly helpful in litigation"

- UK law firm, airliner accident case

"The report I received from Chris Turner on a matter involving an unusually complex loss of opportunity claim, a niche area, was superb. I cannot recommend Chris Turner of Axten Aviation too highly"

- Greater Manchester law firm, employment case

"We found the team to be extremely responsive, clear on costs and timescales , and quick to turn around instructions"

- UK law firm, planning dispute case

"Excellent understanding of the issues and use of expertise"

- Barrister comment, UK GA accident case

"The reports were of a very high standard and delivered ahead of deadlines, and communication with the consultants was excellent throughout"

- UK Law firm, light aircraft accident case

"I will certainly recommend clients consider them for any aviation related advice or expert witness services they might need"

- Environmental Specialist Solicitors, UK airfield noise case

Why Axten Aviation?

"...engineering issues were complex, and required investigation and consideration of highly technical matters and a large number of documents. They was extremely thorough and assiduous. The report was impressive, particularly in its detail, scope and analysis. I would not hesitate to instruct them again"

- London law firm, airliner incident

"We obtained two separate advisory reports from two different specialists at Axten Aviation. Both reports were comprehensive, dealt with all the key points and assisted significantly with our liability investigations. Communication was always excellent and the team really made an effort to meet tight deadlines"

- London law firm, helicopter accident

"Very comprehensive report which dealt with all key points. Very helpful team. Chris Turner was excellent"

- Midlands law firm, employment case

"...for a matter litigating through the Indonesian courts. The expert was high quality, approachable, a good communicator orally and in writing, went above and beyond to make themselves available to us around his work schedule, and produced a convincing report. Overall, we were very pleased with the service and look forward to working with Axten Aviation again"

- London law firm, airliner accident

"Captain Turner took an innovative approach in this sensitive matter ...ultimately the prosecution expert agreed with Captain Turner's report."

- London law firm, Crown Court criminal case

"The CPR report was detailed, thorough and reasoned. Axten Aviation kept us informed and supported throughout, were mindful of Court deadlines and made themselves available for conferences. I would have no hesitation in instructing Axten Aviation again"

- UK aviation law firm, airliner incident

"...their knowledge of and experience in the aviation industry shone through in their analysis and opinion of the relevant issues"

- London law firm, employment case



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