

Aviation Authority Selects Gigi Skipper and Robert Burr For Airport Promotions

Tampa, Fla. (December 12, 2001) --The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority has selected Gigi Skipper, Director of Legal Affairs, to serve as the Authority's new General Counsel. On November 1, 2001, the Aviation Authority board members approved the elimination of the General Counsel portion of the services provided by Allen, Dell, Frank & Trinkle, P.A.

It is the responsibility of the General Counsel to take the management, charge and control of the legal business of the Authority in regard to all Authority affairs, serve as the legal advisor to board members, the executive director, and all of the Authority's departments.

Skipper has been employed with the Aviation Authority since 1999. She is a graduate of Stetson University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Juris Doctorate degree in Law. Prior to joining the Aviation Authority as its' first in-house attorney, she practiced law for fifteen years in Central Florida concentrating in the areas of real estate development, business law and local government law. She is a member of numerous organizations, the Florida, Hillsborough and American Bar Associations including the Committee of Professionalism, Airports Council International (ACI) - Legal Committee, the Florida Association of Police Attorneys and serves on the Alumni Board of Directors for Stetson University.

Also, the Aviation Authority is pleased to announce the promotion of Robert J. Burr to Director of Operations. He will be responsible for directing the day-to-day activities and operations at Tampa International Airport including compliance with Federal Aviation Regulations, certification compliance, routine and emergency response procedures, managing operating procedures and the Airport Security Plan. This position reports to the Senior Director of Operations and Public Safety.

Burr was previously with Nashville Airport before joining the Aviation Authority in 1980 as Assistant Director of Operations.

In May 1988, he was promoted to Deputy Director of Operations. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Administration and his Masters Degree in Aerospace Education both from Middle Tennessee State University. He is an accredited airport executive with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE); a committee member of the AAAE - Safety and Security Technical Committee; Past President of Tampa Toastmasters International; Past President of Dana Shores Civic Association; and a member of the Florida Airport's Managers Association (FAMA).

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