## JOHN V. SABEL

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## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Part 121 Airline Transport Pilot (retired) with over 48 years of civil aviation flight experience and over 23,000 flight hours logged. Operated in domestic, Caribbean, Latin American, South American, and North Atlantic theaters. Extensive pilot training experience, safety/accident investigation experience, and university-level teaching experience.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Flight Simulator Instructor – 08/2023 to Present Delta Professional Services – Atlanta, GA

- Conduct Part 121 pilot training in various flight training devices.
- Promote standardization.
- Promote regulatory compliance.
- Promote adherence to standard operating procedures.

## Check Airman, FAA Aircrew Program Designee, Captain, First Officer, Flight Engineer – 01/1985 to 07/2023

American Airlines (US Airways) – Pittsburgh, PA; Charlotte, NC; Philadelphia, PA

- Check Airman DC-9, MD-80
- Senior Check Airman MD-80
- FAA Aircrew Program Designee MD-80
- Captain DC-9, MD-80, B-737, B-787, A-319/A320/A321
- First Officer DC-9, MD-80, B-737, B-757/B-767, A-319/A320/A321
- Flight Engineer B-727

Responsible for training and evaluation of pilots and check airmen in fleet of 70 aircraft. Coordinated with FAA to develop and implement training and standardization policies and procedures. Conducted FAA type rating evaluations and standardization evaluations. Part 121 air carrier operations in domestic and international theaters.

## First Officer, Flight Engineer – 11/1983 to 12/1984 Orion Air – Louisville, KY

- Part 121 air cargo under contract for UPS.
- B-727.

## Captain, First Officer – 05/1981 to 11/1983 Provincetown-Boston Airlines – Naples, FL

- Passenger commuter carrier.
- C-404, EMB-110, DC-3, M-404.

# **Expert Witness, Consultant, Attorney** - 01/2007 to Present **Aviation Advisors, LLC** – Moon Township, PA

- Pilot expert witness and consultant.
- Representation of pilots in FAA certificate action matters.

## Panel Attorney - 02/2007 to Present AOPA Legal Services Plan – Frederick, MD

• Representation of pilots in FAA certificate action matters.

# **Safety Council member -** 03/2009 to 09/2013 **Coalition of Airline Pilots Associations** – Washington, D.C.

- Promoted airline industry safety.
- Participated in airline safety initiatives.
- Participated on Aviation Rulemaking Committee.

## Co-Chairman, Safety Committee – 03/2009 to 09/2013 US Airline Pilots Association – Charlotte, NC

- Pilot union safety advocate and representative.
- Promoted airline industry safety.
- Participated in airline safety initiatives.

# Chairman, Violations Committee - 01/2009 to 09/2013 US Airline Pilots Association – Charlotte, NC

- Assisted pilots in submitting ASRS and ASAP reports.
- Represented pilots in FAA and company investigations.

# **Accident Investigation Committee member -** 05/2008 to 09/2013 **US Airline Pilots Association** – Charlotte, NC

- Participated in accident and incident investigations.
- Represented pilots in FAA and company investigations.

## Safety Committee member - 05/2008 to 03/2009 US Airline Pilots Association – Charlotte, NC

- Pilot union safety advocate and representative.
- Promoted airline industry safety.
- Participated in airline safety initiatives.

## Air Line Pilots Association, International – Herndon, VA

Air Safety Representative: 03/2007 to 04/2008

- Pilot union safety advocate and representative.
- Promoted airline industry safety.
- Participated in airline safety initiatives.

# Associate Attorney – 09/2006 to 01/2007 Tucker Arensberg, P.C. – Pittsburgh, PA

- General civil litigation.
- Labor and employment matters.

#### UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Program Director, Master of Aeronautical Science; Adjunct Instructor -** 08/2021 to Present California Aeronautical University – Bakersfield, CA

- Develop and administer MAS course curricula.
- Teach graduate and undergraduate distance education aviation courses.

## **Adjunct Instructor -** 01/2013 to Present

West Virginia University Institute of Technology – Montgomery, WV

• Teach undergraduate distance education aviation courses.

## **Adjunct Instructor** – 01/2011 to Present

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Daytona Beach, FL

- Teach graduate distance education aviation courses (01/2011 to 09/2023)
- Teach undergraduate distance education aviation courses (07/2011 to Present)

## **Adjunct Instructor** – 04/2009 to 09/2018

Utah Valley University – Orem, UT

• Teach undergraduate distance education aviation courses.

## **Adjunct Instructor** – 08/2008 to 09/2017

## **Community College Beaver County** – Beaver Falls, PA

• Teach undergraduate distance education aviation courses.

## **Adjunct Instructor** – 09/2009 to 07/2012 **Mountain State University** – Beckley, WV

• Teach undergraduate distance education aviation courses.

## FAA CERTIFICATES and RATINGS and INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

## **Airline Transport Pilot:**

Type Ratings: EMB-110, DC-9, B-737, B-757/B-767, B-787, A-319/A-320/A-321

Flight Engineer – Turbojet

Remote Pilot – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

## **Certified Flight Instructor:**

Airplane
Instrument
Multi-engine

## **Ground Instructor:**

Advanced Instrument

## **Industry Certifications:**

Aviation Safety Management Systems (SMS) – MITRE Aviation Institute - 07/2009, 10/2012

NTSB Aircraft Accident Investigation - National Transportation Safety Board – 09/2009

NTSB Accident Investigation Orientation – National Transportation Safety Board – 10/2008

Basic Safety School – Air Line Pilots Association, International - 09/2007

## FLIGHT TIME and AIRCRAFT FLOWN

**Total Flight Time:** 23,000 + hours

**Aircraft Flown:** C-150/152, C-172, C-177, C-210, C-310, C-402, M-20C, PA28-140, PA23-150, PA44-180, EMB-110, DC-3, M-404, DC-9, MD-80, B-727, B-737, B-757, B-767, B-787, A-319, A-320, A-321.

#### **EDUCATION and TRAINING**

#### **Education:**

Year	Earned Degree	University
2006	Juris Doctor	Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University
1980 1980 1979	BS, Aeronautical Science AS, Aviation Management AS, Aeronautical Studies	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

#### **PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS**

"TSA: Patting Down Your Rights." Guest Speaker, Panelist: Pennsylvania Bar Institute Continuing Legal Education Series – May 2011.

Contributing Member, Air Carrier Safety and Pilot Training Aviation Rulemaking Committee – September 2010 – July 2012.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Dealing with Disruptive Passengers." Panel Member, The 2018 Aviation Symposium – February 2018.

<sup>&</sup>quot;An Airplane Is Down." Panel Member, The 2016 Airline Symposium – February 2016.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Aviation Law Lessons Take Flight." Guest Speaker, The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) Annual Conference – June 2012.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Safety Management Systems." Guest Speaker, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Flight Safety Conference – May 2010.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Flight and Duty Time Regulations." Guest Speaker: Pennsylvania Bar Association, Aeronautical and Space Law Committee Annual Meeting – May 2007.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Airline-Airport Facilities Agreements – An Overview" – SMU Journal of Air Law and Commerce, Volume 69, Fall 2004.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

## Admitted to practice:

Pennsylvania U.S. District Court for Western Pennsylvania

## **Membership in Professional Associations:**

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
Allegheny County Bar Association
American Association for Justice
American Bar Association
Aviation Insurance Association
Defense Research Institute
International Society of Air Safety Investigators
National Aeronautic Association
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Society of Aviation and Flight Educators