

Aviation Group Client Update

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Requests for Comments on Policies Concerning Flying Clubs

On [July 15, 2015](#) the Federal Aviation Administration posted a notice requesting comments on a petition by Aircraft Owner and Pilots Association (AOPA) to revise certain policies concerning flying clubs in the Order 5190.6B, FAA Airport Compliance Manual.

AOPA seeks to lower barriers for flying clubs. Specifically, the requested revisions would allow flight instructors and mechanics who are club members to receive monetary compensation for services provided to club members. Currently, members may not be monetarily compensated; existing policy allows flying clubs to allow compensation only in the form of credit against payment of dues or flight time

AOPA states that its goal is “to provide guidance that is attainable and ensures educated compliance from all airport users,” and thus asks for “updated guidance regarding compensation for flight instructors and maintainers” because “flight instructors and aviation mechanics are valuable assets to the aviation industry, and should be granted the privilege of fair compensation for their efforts on a local level.”

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding this proposal, please contact the following attorneys:

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