



Susan Kurland
Assistant Secretary for
Aviation and International Affairs

Susan Kurland was nominated by President Obama to serve as Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs in July, 2009 and confirmed by the U. S. Senate in August, 2009.

A key member of the Secretary of Transportation's senior team, Susan Kurland directs economic and competition policies affecting the air transport industry and oversees the Department's international activities. She serves as the DOT decision-maker in proceedings involving allocation of international aviation route authority, licensing of domestic and foreign air carriers, grants of antitrust immunity for international aviation alliance activities and provision of air services to rural U.S. communities. Additionally, Kurland leads Department efforts on international technical cooperation, standards harmonization, trade advocacy and export promotion.

Kurland brings extensive senior public and private transportation experience to her current role. Prior to joining the Department of Transportation, she was a managing director at Jefferies & Company focusing on airport infrastructure and municipal finance projects and headed the firm's municipal finance group in Chicago. She served as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of U.S. Airways and also led the Federal Aviation Administration's national airports program as Associate Administrator for Airports. During her time as Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago, she served as general counsel for Chicago's airport system.

Kurland holds degrees from Brandeis University and Boston University School of Law.