

## **CAPTAIN EDWARD M DAVIDSON FRAeS, ACIArb**

Captain Ed Davidson is a seasoned and experienced business executive and former union leader from the airline industry who has served in both a labor leadership post as well as corporate management capacity. His experience on both "sides" of the negotiating table makes him uniquely qualified to provide balanced, informed and experienced decision-making in all aspects of air transport industry employment, flight technical and labor disputes.

Ed's training in arbitration and mediation takes in both academic and practical aspects as he attended professional academic instruction in labor law and arbitral fundamentals at the American Arbitration Association as well as, the US Financial Industry Regulatory Agency and the Scheinman School of Conflict Resolution, a part of the Industrial Relations Department at Cornell University in the United States.

Captain Davidson was selected to be in the inaugural course for Arbitrator Development Training by Cornell's ILR School and has participated in numerous labor and employment arbitration hearings. He has served on a number of tripartite panels as either the Chairman or an arbitration panel member.

Ed is a member of the Labor and Employment Relations Association of the United States, an Associate Member of the American Bar Association and Co-Chair of the ABA's Dispute Resolution Section's Mid-East Sub-Committee. He holds the designation ACIArb, (Associate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators), which is a professional designation by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators based in London, England. He also was appointed to and presently holds positions on the labor panels of the American Arbitration Association, The United States National Mediation Board (Airline and Rail Panel) and is a Public Arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Agency (FINRA), which oversees financial investment firms in the United States. In 2007, Captain Davidson was elected a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and holds membership on their Air Transport Committee.

He has been a senior executive with several airlines since 1999, notably Northwest, Emirates and now Porter Airlines in Toronto as well as serving in local leadership positions in the Air Line Pilots Association from 1991-1994. He holds an Airline Transport Pilots license (FAA), is a former US Navy carrier pilot and has over 18,000 flight hours in both Boeing and Airbus aircraft.

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