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Jeffrey Wool is the secretary general of the Aviation Working Group, a not-for-profit international industry group that works on the development of policies, regulations and rules designed to facilitate advanced international aviation financing and leasing. Jeffrey acts in that capacity on secondment from Watson Farley & Williams (London and New York), where he is senior global advisor. Jeffrey coordinates all AWG activity and has since its inception in 1994, previously doing so on secondments from Perkins Coie (London and Washington), where he was a partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (London), where he was head of aerospace law and policy, Blake Cassels & Graydon (New York), and Holland & Knight (Miami), where he was a partner and its director of international law and policy.

Jeffrey is an adjunct professor at Trinity College Dublin School of Law, a senior research fellow at UNIDROIT, and a distinguished fellow at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Jeffrey was Condon-Falknor professor of global business law at the University of Washington School of Law from 2011-2019, where he was the founding co-director of its global business law institute and developed and taught new courses on transnational commercial law, comparative commercial law, and international business compliance. In parallel, he was a senior research fellow at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, and an affiliate member of the law faculty, University of Oxford from 2011 - 2023. Previously, Jeffrey taught transnational commercial law jointly with prof. Roy Goode at Oxford from 1995 - 1998. He then led the initial development of its course materials and was key to its advancement.

On behalf of AWG, Jeffrey has been a central actor in the development, negotiation, and national ratification and implementation of the Cape Town Convention (CTC). He chaired the group that prepared the initial draft of the Aircraft Protocol, chairs the International Advisory Board for the CTC's International Registry, and is the director of the Cambridge – UNIDROIT CTC academic project. He leads global projects promoting and assessing ratification of, and compliance with, CTC. He is responsible for AWG CTC compliance index (CTC compliance index).

Jeffrey coordinates all of AWG's substantive projects, including those related to environmental matters geared to the context of aviation financing and leasing.