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Prior to joining the Office of Aviation Management on March 28, 2008, Pat was a Transportation Industry Analyst (TIA) in the Department of Transportation's Office of the General Counsel, Aviation Consumer Protection Division. As a TIA, Pat evaluated domestic and foreign air carriers to ensure compliance with existing consumer protection regulations. Through contacts with executive-level representatives of the airlines and air transportation industry, other government agencies and consumer interest groups, Pat ensured productive lines of communication to develop and maintain a better working relationship between the federal government and the airline industry.

Prior to becoming a TIA with General Counsel, Pat was a Management and Program Analyst with the DOT Office of the Inspectors General. Some of the audits she participated in were: the of the Office of Pipeline Safety and that office's non-compliance with Congressional mandates; the multi-modal transportation issues with regard to the collection, transportation, and storage of the nuclear waste at the then proposed site of Yucca Mountain in Nevada; and the Air Carrier Stabilization Act which provided 5 billion dollars in funding to air carriers that were affected by the *force major* directive from Secretary Mineta following the terrorist attacks upon the United States.

Pat has two bachelor's degrees from the University of Montana; she is a certified general aviation private pilot and a Vietnam Era Veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.