

## Biographical Sketch

### **Lee Ambers, B.S., J.D.**

Lee Ambers has been actively engaged in the establishment of heliports and a host of aviation related projects since 1975. His expertise and experience spans all phases of heliport development and aviation issues including analysis, investigations, incorporation of operational needs and minimizing expenses. Beginning in 1967, Mr. Ambers regularly interacted with governmental bodies, at all levels, in a variety of jurisdictions and regulatory agencies. He has and continues to represent various legislative and administrative projects to this day. He remains an active legislative advocate.

As a heliport consultant, Mr. Ambers places particular emphasis on safety, compliance and the functional ability of the project. The selection of a proper heliport site and flight path is the first step in the creation of a viable facility. Conceptual design includes consideration for the needs and concerns of the pilot, the proponent and the community. Special consideration is paid to construction and ongoing operational costs. Mr. Ambers continues to have special expertise in the governmental and community interaction which is necessary for a successful project.

Mr. Ambers has been instrumental in assisting various jurisdictions in the preparation of regulations, as relates to emergency landing facilities and the licensing of private and public heliports. Lee Ambers has worked with numerous internationally acclaimed architectural firms as their consultant. Additionally, he represents all aspects of aviation projects, encompassing a conglomeration of industries and heliport categories. Furthermore, Mr. Ambers has appeared as a guest speaker and panelist at numerous seminars and conventions. Mr. Ambers also appears as an expert witness in a assortment of aviation related cases.

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

-  "Heliport Design -- An American Approach" **Helicopter World**, November, 1994
-  "Helicopters Save Lives -- Why Are We Restricting Usage?" **Rotor Magazine**, Fall 1995
-  "High Rise Emergency Evacuation Facilities, Generic Ordinance" Copyright April 2000
-  "A Modest Proposal for 3,750 Hospital Heliports" **Aviation International News**, December 2002

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

-  Helicopter Association International [HAI]
  - Former Vice Chairman & Current Member, Heliport Technical Planning Committee
  - Member Air Medical Committee
  - Member, Acoustics Committee
-  Chairman, Heliport Design Working Group
-  FAA/Helicopter Industry
  - Member, Heliport Working Group, involved in writing the 1988, 1994 and 2004 FAA, Heliport Design Guide.
  - Member of working group involved in updating 2004 Heliport Design Guide.
-  National Fire Protection Association [NFPA]
  - Member
  - Past Member Heliport Facilities Committee which authored the 2001 & 2006, NFPA 418
-  Professional Helicopter Pilots Association of California [PHPA]
  - Associate Member