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## Dean N. Gerber to Join ORIX Aviation as General Counsel

**CHICAGO, IL (January 15, 2019)** – [Vedder Price](http://vedderprice.com) announced today that Dean N. Gerber, longtime Global Transportation Finance Shareholder, Board and Executive Committee Member, will depart the firm in April 2019 to become General Counsel of ORIX Aviation, a world leading Aircraft Lessor, aviation investor and aircraft asset manager. Mr. Gerber has represented and counseled ORIX Aviation on a variety of legal matters at Vedder Price.

Mr. Gerber joined Vedder Price in 1991 and is regarded as one of the top aviation lawyers in the world. Under his leadership as Chair of the Global Transportation Finance team, the firm's commercial aviation finance practice achieved global recognition and prominence and has been noted by *Chambers Global* as "one of the top law firms for Asset Finance in the world."

In addition to his extensive practice representing lessees, equity participants, lenders, credit enhancers, underwriters, governmental agencies and others on various aspects of aircraft finance, Mr. Gerber has helped shape the firm as a member of its management team. He helped to build out the firm's international offices in London and Singapore by recruiting and retaining top talent while also providing high level leadership and support for the firm's long term strategies.

Mr. Gerber has been a frequent writer and speaker at industry seminars, air finance conferences and legal forums. Among his many accolades, he was selected annually by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2008 and was inducted into the inaugural *Legal 500 US* Hall of Fame in 2017.

"I have been privileged to work with the talented and dedicated attorneys of Vedder Price for the last 28 years," said Mr. Gerber. "We built a practice that defined the equipment finance field in a way that no other law firm has done. I'm proud of the work the team has accomplished, the clients we have served and the reputation we have created, and look forward to providing the same quality service as General Counsel of ORIX."

"Our Global Transportation Finance team would not be the renowned international practice it is today without Dean's leadership and business acumen," said Michael A. Nemeroff, President and CEO of Vedder Price. "He has been an extraordinary colleague and we are grateful for his service to the firm, his unparalleled integrity and his commitment to teamwork, as well as his world-class abilities as an aviation lawyer. We wish him all the best in his new endeavor at ORIX."

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### About Vedder Price:

Vedder Price is a thriving, 300-lawyer firm with seven offices worldwide, including Chicago, New York, Washington, DC, London, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Singapore. The firm offers a unique mix of finance, corporate, labor and employment, and litigation skills, including market-leading practices in global transportation finance, middle-market finance/M&A, executive compensation, employment class actions and more. Vedder Price has enduring relationships with marquee organizations, and many of the firm's clients have been with the firm since its founding in 1952. For more information, visit [vedderprice.com](http://vedderprice.com).

### About ORIX Aviation Systems:

ORIX Aviation was established in 1991 in Dublin, Ireland and is a 100% subsidiary of ORIX Corporation of Japan. ORIX Aviation owns and manages over 200 aircraft and leases them to more than 70 airlines located in over 30 countries. ORIX Aviation is headquartered in Dublin with offices in Hong Kong and a team of 85 professionals with USD10 billion of aircraft assets under management. In the past 12 months ORIX Aviation has bought, sold or leased over 100 aircraft valued in excess of USD4 billion. ORIX Aviation completed the acquisition of a 30% shareholding in Avolon in November 2018.

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ORIX Aviation is focused primarily on investing and trading opportunities in the aircraft leasing and aircraft asset management space while maintaining a strong balance sheet of owned assets to support stable long term profits and future growth. ORIX Aviation is ranked by S&P Global Ratings as STRONG overall ranking on ORIX Aviation as a commercial aircraft lease servicer. The outlook is stable.

The asset management clients of ORIX Aviation are investors based in Japan, US funds and international banks and financial investors.

For more details, please visit our website: <https://www.orixaviation.com>

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