

## **Susan Kurland**

Susan Kurland joined the Chicago Department of Aviation as Deputy Commissioner of Air Services Development for O'Hare and Midway International Airports in May 2016. She brings more than 25 years in executive leadership transportation positions in both the public and private sectors, serving most recently as the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

As part of the Secretary of Transportation's senior team she directed and implemented economic and competition policy affecting the air transport industry, coordinated the USDOT's international activities, and directed the Department's participation in international aviation negotiations throughout the world. Ms. Kurland led USDOT's decision-making process involving the allocation of international aviation route authority; licensing of air carriers; providing air services to rural communities and grants of antitrust immunity for international aviation alliance activities.

Prior to joining the USDOT, Susan was a managing director at Jefferies & Company, focusing on airport infrastructure and municipal finance projects. She served as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of U.S. Airways and also led the Federal Aviation Administration's national airports program as Associate Administrator for Airports. During her time as Deputy Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago, Susan served as general counsel for Chicago's airport system.

Kurland holds degrees from Brandeis University and Boston University School of Law