ACI Global Training
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Simon is the Managing Director of Aquila Aviation Ltd, a multi-disciplinary aviation management consulting company and Virtual Aviation College Ltd, an international company specialising in the provision of multi-media development solutions for the aviation industry. His experience includes senior positions with the Provisional Airport Authority of Hong Kong, Avmark Asia, and Electra Aviation, the leasing company, in addition to working with British Aerospace and as an airline pilot with Air UK, following training with British Airways.

Simon has worked extensively in the international aviation sector, with long-term periods in Asia, Europe and North America.

Airport related consultancy assignments have included acting as the Technical Consultant to Changi Airport for ground handling licences; a similar role for the World Bank for a Middle Eastern country; assessments of business opportunities relating to Executive Aviation facilities; facilitation review of Heathrow and Gatwick Airports for a submission to the UK Government; strategic advice to the Tynwald – Isle of Man Government – for the establishment of a Civil Aviation Department and Aircraft Register; strategic and financial planning advice regarding a runway extension to meet ICAO guidelines on runway safety; acting as the Economic Regulatory advisor to the Government of Jordan (EU funded mission) for the airport and airline sector in that country.

Airline related consultancy assignments have focused on business planning and financial modeling skills, meeting the regulatory requirements of the UK Civil Aviation Authority for an airline Operating Licence and similar roles for the Government of the Maldives.

Training and development clients for VAC, and its predecessor company ATI, include major airlines such as Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Singapore Airlines and Ethiopian Airlines; airports, including Hong Kong; and aviation-related service companies. A specific area of expertise is in e-learning solutions, working with airports and ground handling companies to enhance training capability using multi-media tools and processes.