

## **Recap of Delta Bankruptcy Proceedings – November 17, 2005**

The hearing on Delta's motion to reject the Pilots Working Agreement was held on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in New York. DP3 Chairman, Jim Gray, along with our attorney, Jason Graham, attended these hearings.

As reported in the press, ALPA asked Judge Beatty to recuse herself from the proceedings because of her apparent bias toward pilots. ALPA attorney Bruce Simon laid out the case for her recusal and pointed out the numerous statements that she had made to indicate her dislike for pilots. After the presentation ended Judge Beatty declined to step down, but assured everyone that she did not in fact have a bias against pilots.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent with opening statements. Attorney Bruce Simon presented a description of an airline pilot's training and responsibilities.

The hearing resumed on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Delta was scheduled to call five witnesses. At the conclusion of their testimony ALPA will have the opportunity to cross-examine these witnesses and is scheduled to call sixteen witnesses of their own.

Delta first witness was David Watson, Director of Pilot Resources and Scheduling. He spent a considerable amount of time going over various pilot costs. Their second witness was Mr. Ed Bastian, EVP and CFO. His testimony was only half completed when court was adjourned for the day.

Judge Beatty has scheduled the hearing to resume on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The hearing is also schedule to continue until December 2<sup>nd</sup> if needed.

Jim Gray will return from New York on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and will prepare a complete report to the DP3 membership. His report will be posted on the website sometime this weekend.

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