

## George K. Katsikas, ATP, CFI, CFII, MEI, MEII, FE

### Professional Summary

Mr. George K. Katsikas, President and Chief Executive Officer of Aitheras Aviation Group, has been involved in the aerospace/aviation industry for over 25 years. During this time he has held numerous positions—ranging from flight instructor, aviation consultant, chief pilot, senior executive to President and CEO of a multi-million dollar full service Aircraft Management Corporation.

Mr. Katsikas' strengths include strategic leadership of complex multi-faceted enterprises, while always keeping the client's needs and culture fully at the forefront. He has immense experience in flight operations with thousands of flight hours logged, as well as an extensive network of contacts in the aviation community. George has established excellent relationships with local, state, and federal governments founded on professional integrity and business conduct.

### Experience

Previous to Aitheras Aviation Group, Mr. Katsikas has held executive positions with Corporate Wings, Eagle's Wings, Pilot Management Inc. as well as Chief Pilot on three 135 Air Carrier Certificates.

Mr. Katsikas was instrumental in implementing and operating Cleveland Clinic's only "*Dedicated Quick Response Air Transportation Program*" for the Transplant and General Surgery Department in 2000-2001. During his tenure with the *Air Transportation Program*:

- total flight hours increased six-fold
- additional aircraft were placed into service, allowing an increase in the overall distance/range for how far organs could be harvested, without compromising ischemic times
- simultaneous flight missions for patient recovery and/or multiple harvest teams were implemented, increasing the capacity and volume of transplant procedures

During this period, there was never a flight cancellation, third-party brokering was reduced to near negligible levels (less than 3%); and operations remained on budget (within three dollars of the proposed hourly rate).

Mr. Katsikas hold a single-pilot type rating and has logged over 350 hours in the Eclipse (EA500) Very Light Jet (VLJ). He was among the first 100 pilots in the world to hold such a certificate, and he will be paving the way on how to operate this new state-of-the-art, fully automated, and technologically cutting-edge computerized airplane that is to revolutionize the future of air transportation as we know it today.

Mr. Katsikas has distinguished his aviation career through the creation in 1997 of a not-for-profit foundation, *The Icarus Foundation*, which serves to educate Greater Cleveland Area youth through a High Tech education program at Cuyahoga Community College.

Throughout his career Mr. Katsikas has overcome numerous obstacles, persevering due to his commitment and dedication. He knows what it takes to realize a dream in the field of aviation, and he works tirelessly for his clients providing them with the benefits of his expertise and diligence.



Areas of Expertise  
Strategic Leadership  
Aviation Management  
Flight Operations

Management  
Experience  
President/CEO Aitheras  
Aviation Group  
Executive VP Operations  
Corporate Wings  
Executive VP Business  
Development Eagle's  
Wings  
President/Owner Pilot  
Management Inc.

Flight Operations  
Commercial Multi/Single-  
Engine Instrument Flight  
Instructor  
9,500 hours

Airline Transport Pilot  
24,500 hours

Jet type Ratings  
CE 500 Series  
CE 525 Series  
HS-125

Eclipse EA500  
Boeing 727-200  
DC-8

Education  
Purdue University  
B.S. Technology  
M.A. Humanities & Social  
Sciences – Iberian  
Literature course work