

Chris Lucius JD, Air Line Pilot's Association International



William “Chris” Lucius has been involved with both manned aviation (fixed wing) and remote control aircraft (fixed wing and rotorcraft) since 1985. Flying for United Airlines since 1995, Chris has flown as a captain on the Boeing 737 and Airbus 319/320 and as a first officer on the 737, 747-400, 757, 767, and 777. Currently, he is based in Los Angeles flying as a first officer on the Boeing 777 for United and lives in Southern California.

With a flying background in general aviation, Chris holds both commercial and airline transport certificates, along with multiengine instrument flight instructor ratings and a remote pilot certificate with small unmanned aircraft system (UAS) rating. With the implementation of FAR 107, Chris has taken on the role of recommending instructor for current FAA-certified pilots wanting to obtain their remote pilot certificates.

Chris is currently a volunteer for the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) representing the Air Safety Organization specializing in the safe integration of UAS into the national airspace system. He began his work at ALPA as a subject-matter expert to the ALPA representatives on the FAA UAS Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC). From there, he became a member of the Special Committees SC-228 and SC-147 at Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA). These groups are currently developing standards for command-and-control and detect-and-avoid systems for UAS and collision avoidance for UAS, respectively. In March 2016, Chris was the principal representative for ALPA on the Micro ARC, and the group made recommendations to the FAA for safe flight of UAS over people.

Chris graduated from the San Jose State University in 1993 with a bachelor of science in aviation flight operations and received his JD from the Concord School of Law in 2014