A Personal Recommendation for Dr. Lambrou

Dr. Lambrou has two lifelong professional passions: medicine and aviation. He is typed in several aircraft and, in addition to his medical career, has served as a captain for a major airline. That combination of medical expertise and firsthand aviation experience gives him a unique understanding of the challenges airmen face when dealing with the FAA medical certification process. I know this from personal experience.

Approximately 14 years ago I was diagnosed with a hereditary medical condition that disqualified me from holding an FAA medical certificate. As required, I reported the condition to the FAA, and my medical certificate was revoked.

Although the condition was subsequently resolved, I was unable to make meaningful progress toward obtaining a Special Issuance. I sought assistance from a number of sources, including AOPA, but was unable to find anyone who could effectively guide me through the FAA medical process or help me understand what was required to regain my medical certificate.

I was eventually referred to Dr. Lambrou by an aviation attorney.

Dr. Lambrou carefully reviewed my medical history and worked closely with my personal physician. He developed a specific plan for addressing the FAA's requirements, recommended the appropriate testing and documentation, and communicated directly with the appropriate physicians within the FAA regarding my case.

Over the course of approximately six months, Dr. Lambrou maintained an ongoing dialogue with the FAA while coordinating with me and my physicians. His knowledge of the medical requirements, his understanding of aviation, and his persistence in working through the FAA process ultimately resulted in the FAA issuing my medical certificate under a Special Issuance.

Since that time, I have continued to see Dr. Lambrou annually. I follow his recommendations and complete the testing and documentation required by the FAA. Each year, I have successfully renewed my medical certificate under the Special Issuance.

I genuinely believe that without Dr. Lambrou's knowledge, experience, persistence, and understanding of both aviation and medicine, I would not have been successful in regaining and maintaining my medical certificate.

There are many professionals who assist airmen with the FAA medical certification process, including attorneys and consultants. Legal and regulatory expertise certainly has an important place in that process. However, there is a significant advantage to having a physician who is also an experienced aviator and who understands the FAA medical certification system from both the medical and operational perspectives.

In my experience, Dr. Lambrou brings that unique combination of knowledge and experience in every case.

For an airman facing difficult medical certification issue or seeking a Special Issuance, having an experienced Aviation Medical Examiner who understands both the medicine and the realties of aviation can make an important difference. I have personally benefitted from Dr. Lambrou's expertise and guidance, and I would not hesitate to recommend him to other airmen navigating the FAA medical certification process.

Sincerely,

Joe Tomkinson