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**SkyWest Airlines names Patricia Stambelos
Assistant General Counsel – California**

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ST. GEORGE, Utah, July 13, 2006 – SkyWest Airlines, a subsidiary of SkyWest, Inc. (NASDAQ: SKYW) is pleased to announce Patricia Stambelos has joined SkyWest’s legal department as its assistant general counsel. Stambelos will report to Todd Emerson, SkyWest Airlines general counsel for operations. Based in Los Angeles, Stambelos will oversee all labor and employment litigation in California and will assist on significant litigation throughout the airline.

“We are excited to have an expert of Patricia’s caliber coming onboard,” said Necia Clark-Mantle, vice president, people. Emerson added, “California law poses unique challenges to employers. Patricia’s legal acumen, as well as her ability to teach and train, will make her a great asset to our team.”

Stambelos joins SkyWest with more than thirteen years of legal experience. She was a top graduate of the Loyola Law School and has since worked for several leading employment law firms in California, where she gained expertise defending companies accused of discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, wage and hour violations and unfair competition. She has also developed employment handbooks, policies and training modules for several large companies.

Most recently, Stambelos was part of a team of lawyers that won summary judgment in a significant wage and hour class action lawsuit filed in the California Superior Court. In a case of first impression, she successfully argued that state meal and break laws were unconstitutional in their application to interstate commerce and were also preempted by the Federal Airline Deregulation Act and the Railway Labor Act.

Patricia resides in Simi Valley, Calif. with her husband John and their three children.

This press release and other information regarding SkyWest Airlines can be found at www.skywest.com/skywest/.

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