



Timothy R. Obitts

President and CEO

National Air Transportation Association

Timothy R. Obitts was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) in January of 2020. NATA is a founding member of the Business Aviation Coalition for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and the Council on Sustainable Fuels Accountability (CoSAFA), of which Obitts serves as Chairman of the Steering Committee and as Board Chairman, respectively. The SAF Coalition's work addresses a "knowledge gap" on the availability and safety of SAF and advances its proliferation, while CoSAFA represents a unified industry vision for advancing consistent, accurate accounting practices documenting the production and use of SAF – crucial tools for further reducing business aviation's carbon footprint.

Obitts also serves as Chief Legal Officer for Alder Energy, LLC, d/b/a Alder Fuels, a cleantech process technology and project development company in the low-carbon to negative-carbon energy industry.

Obitts most recently served as the Association's Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, overseeing the day-to-day operation of NATA and ensuring a member-first culture.

Prior to joining NATA in November 2014, Obitts served as the managing partner of Gammon & Grange, P.C., a national practice law firm specializing in nonprofit and communications law. During Obitts' 18 years at Gammon & Grange, he served as corporate counsel and general counsel for many nonprofits and trade associations, handling a wide array of issues that affected their day-to-day activities and lobbying Capitol Hill and federal agencies.

Obitts earned a Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from California Western School of Law and a bachelor's degree, double major philosophy and history, from Gordon College, where he also was named All-New England in Tennis, NAIA. Obitts is licensed to practice law in California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, and Virginia, as well as numerous federal and appellate courts and the U.S Supreme Court. Obitts has co-founded several nonprofit organizations and serves on several nonprofit boards. Obitts and his wife of 23 years, Krista, have five children, ranging in age from 9 to 19.