

## Laura Benson Jones

**CERTIFICATES/RATINGS:** ATP, CPL MEL/SEL, CFI/IA SEL/SES, Captain CL601/604, CE500

### EXPERIENCE

July 2023 - Current	Vice President, National Flight Training Alliance, Washington, DC
October 2015- Current	<i>Flight Club 502</i> , Founder and Executive Board Member, aerospace non-profit start-up outreach to 5200 youth; 750 youth members expanding model nationally.
March 2010 - Current	Aerospace Consulting, Contract Pilot Services
August 2006- March 2010	<i>Honaker Aviation</i> , Flight Operations and Business Development
August 2004- August 2006	<i>JCPS</i> , Aerospace Curriculum Development
May 1994- 2015	Contract Jet Pilot Services: Citation Jet/Challenger Jet, Phenom 300
June 1992- April 1, 2001	<i>CARDINAL WINGS, INC.</i> , President and Founder Flight School, FAA Testing Center, Airborne Traffic, Aircraft Sales - Direct day to day operations, curriculum development, personnel, and aircraft maintenance.

### EDUCATION

BA Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
M.Ed Career and Technical Education and Instruction Technology, University of Louisville

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1992- present, Young Eagle Flight Leader	1997-1998, Junior Achievement
1992- present, AOPA	1997- 2001, Aviation Explorer Post Sponsor
1992- 2001, NATA Board Flight Committee	1998- 2001, Be A Pilot (GA 2000) GAMA Board
1994- 2002, Maryhurst Orphanage	1996- 2003 FAA Accident Prevention Counselor
1996- 2001, Zonta International	1997- present, Women in Aviation
1996- 2001, Hospice dream flights	2000- 2003, Kentuckiana Girl Scout Board
2002-2004, Mint Jubilee Board	2008- 2013, Louisville Ballet Board
2013-present, Colonial Dames	2013-2021, Shawnee HS Advisory Board
2015-2021 Speed Art Museum Board	2015- current, Flight Club 502
2020-2022, Women in Aviation Advisory Board, Department of Transportation	

### HONORS

1987- JCPS High School Senior of the Year,  
1987 - Key to Louisville & Honorary Captain Belle of Louisville: Judge Sloan and Mayor Abramson  
1996- Flight Instructor of the Year (Kentucky)  
1997- FAA Safety Counselor of the Year (Kentucky)  
1997- GAMA GA TEAM 2000 for contributions to the General Aviation Industry  
1998- EAA Humanitarian of the Year award from General Chuck Yeager  
1999- FAA Accident Prevention Counselor of the Year (Kentucky)  
1999- BE A PILOT Award from General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA)  
2000- National Association of Women Business Owners- Business Woman of the Year  
2000- Business First of Louisville 40 under 40 award  
2000- FAA outstanding achievements in aviation award  
2003- Kentucky Colonel by Governor Paul Patton  
2014- Challenger Space Legacy Award Washington, DC  
2019 - Jeffersontown High School, Louisville, KY Hall of Fame  
2021 - City of Louisville Black History award for Outstanding Community Service  
2023 - Kentucky Colonel by Governor Andy Beshear

**PERSONAL:** Married to Michael Jones, three sons, Henry, Afton and William, one dog Watson