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COMPARATIVE JURISPRUDENCE UNDER THE WARSAW SYSTEM AND THE MONTREAL CONVENTION OF 1999  
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PRODUCTS LIABILITY OF MANUFACTURERS AND LESSORS OF AIRCRAFT, ENGINES & COMPONENT PARTS  
GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY  
CHALLENGES OF SETTLEMENT  
CONSUMER PROTECTION REGULATION & LITIGATION  
UNRULY PASSENGERS AND LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE  
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS, ANNEX 13 & CRIMINALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION  
REGULATION OF DRONES AND LIABILITY OF OPERATORS

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# PROGRAM

**THURSDAY JUNE 22, 2017**

**8:00 – 9:00**

## **REGISTRATION**

**9:00 – 10:15**

## **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AIR CARRIER LIABILITY**

- Comparative analysis of recent Warsaw Convention and Montreal Convention jurisprudence
- Recoverable damages
- Conflicts between US and European courts
- The challenges of achieving global uniformity
- Federal preemption – does the US Federal Aviation Act preempt the application of state law standards in the entire field of aviation safety?
- What impact does the regulatory implementation of safety management systems have on liability?

### **CHAIR:**

- **Paul Stephen Dempsey** – McGill University, Montreal, Canada

### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Carlos P. Martins** – Bersenas Jacobsen Chouest Thomson Blackburn LLP, Toronto, Canada
- **John Maggio** – Condon & Forsyth, New York, USA
- **Marc Moller** – Kreindler & Kreindler, New York, USA
- **Sybille Michèle Rexer** – Dabelstein & Passehl, Hamburg, Germany

**10:15 – 10:45**

## **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**10:45 – 12:00**

## **LIABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS FOR AVIATION ACCIDENTS OR ACTS OF TERRORISM**

- Sovereign immunity
- The US Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act and the Federal Tort Claims Act
- The new US Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, or JASTA
- What will be the liability exposure of the United States should other nations enact reciprocal legislation?
- Can a State force a foreign airline to waive sovereign immunity as a condition of licensing?
- Libya's Settlement with Families of Pan Am Flight 103
- The Challenges of State Liability: A look at Korean Air Lines Flight 007, Lockerbie, the September 11, 2001, U.S. terror attacks, Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and Cuban Brothers to the Rescue

### **CHAIR:**

- **Robert Donald** – DLA Piper, Calgary, Canada

### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Barry Benson** – Director, Aviation and Admiralty Section, US Department of Justice, Washington DC, USA
- **Jeffrey Ellis** – Clyde & Co., New York, USA
- **James Healy-Pratt** – Stewarts Law LLP, London, UK
- **Jim Kreindler** – Kreindler & Kreindler, New York, USA

**12:00 – 14:00**

## **LUNCH (SALON ST-JACQUES)**

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY:**

- **Dr. Fang Liu** – Secretary General, ICAO, Montreal, Canada





14:00 – 15:00

#### PRODUCTS LIABILITY

- Does governmental certification preempt tort claims?
- Recoverable damages
- The conflict between North American and European courts
- Traffic collision avoidance system (TCAS), autopilot and automation
- Will we see more use of the Hague Convention on products liability?
- Is there liability exposure for foul cabin air and radiation?
- What is the liability for the use of counterfeit parts?

##### CHAIR:

- **Brian Havel** – DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, USA

##### SPEAKERS:

- **Alice Chan** – Chan & Grant, LLP, New York, USA
- **Michael Dreikorn** – The IPL Group, LLC Bokeelia, Florida, USA
- **Brandt Madsen** – Smith Amundsen, LLC, Chicago, USA
- **Timothy Ravich** – University of Central Florida, USA
- **Steven M. Sandler** – Woodruff, Johnson, and Evans, Chicago, USA

15:00 – 16:00

#### LIABILITY OF AIRPORTS, ANSPs, LESSORS AND MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS

- Liability of airports for passenger injury
- Contractual liability of the airport operator
- Liability of Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs)
- Liability of lessors
- Liability of maintenance providers

##### CHAIR:

- **Alan Reitzfeld** – Holland & Knight LLP, New York, USA

##### SPEAKERS:

- **Sheryl Bregman** – Office of the San Francisco City Attorney, San Francisco, California, USA
- **Donal Patrick Hanley** – Aviation Capital Group, Dublin, Ireland
- **Leigh Ann Kirby** – NAV CANADA, Ottawa, Canada
- **Suzanne McCarthy** – Global Aerospace Inc., Parsippany, New Jersey, USA
- **Darryl Pankratz** – Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP, Vancouver, Canada

16:00 – 16:30

#### REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:30 – 18:00

#### THE CHALLENGES OF SETTLEMENT & EMERGING INSURANCE ISSUES

- The challenges of multi-jurisdictional settlements
- The availability of insurance for acts of terrorism and flights in conflict zones A look at MH 370
- The impact of sanctions and international trade controls on settlements
- The challenges of dealing with attritional losses
- The role of insurance in managing the risk of cyber attacks
- How European insurers prepare for the challenges of Brexit?

##### CHAIR:

- **George Leloudas** – Swansea University, UK

##### SPEAKERS:

- **Brian Alexander** – Kreindler & Kreindler, New York, USA
- **Philip Chrystal** – Swiss Re, Zurich, Switzerland
- **Kinga Kolasa-Sokołowska** – THB Polska, Warsaw, Poland
- **Ulla Norrhäll** – Munich Re, Munich, Germany
- **Katherine B. Posner** – Condon & Forsyth, New York, USA

18:00 – 19:30

#### GALA RECEPTION (SALON ST-JACQUES)



# PROGRAM

**FRIDAY JUNE 23, 2017**

**9:30-10:30**

## **WHAT IS AN “ACCIDENT” UNDER THE WARSAW/MONTREAL CONVENTIONS: UNRULY PASSENGERS AND LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE**

- What is the injury producing event?
- Should the carrier be liable for the assault by one passenger of another?
- Should liability be allowed under the Warsaw/Montreal regimes when the “accident” (an unusual or unexpected event) was not caused by an event or occurrence related to the operation of an aircraft?
- Review of recent court decisions that have circumscribed the liability shield provided by the Tokyo Convention
- What impact will the Montreal Protocol of 2014, amending the Tokyo Convention, have on liability?
- What will be the liability exposure of air marshals who subdue an unruly passenger?
- What are the practical aspects of dealing with unruly passengers?

### **CHAIR:**

- **Timothy Trembley** – Paterson MacDougall, Toronto, Canada

### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Gilles Charette** – Air Canada, Montreal, Canada
- **Senarath Liyanage** – Etihad Airways, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- **Steven Marks** – Podhurst Orseck PA, Florida, USA

**10:30-11:30**

## **REGULATION OF DRONES AND LIABILITY OF THEIR OPERATORS**

- Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) versus Autonomous Unmanned Aerial Systems
- The integration of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) into non-segregated airspace
- A comparative look at drone regulation in the US, Canada and the EU
- Liability regimes applicable to UAS, including third party and criminal liability
- Protection of privacy; are trespass concepts relevant?
- Procuring insurance for UAS
- The threat of cyber security, and terrorism posed by UAS

### **CHAIR:**

- **Mia Wouters** – Brussels Bar, and University of Ghent, Belgium

### **SPEAKERS:**

- **Mark Dombroff** – Dentons, McLean, Virginia, USA
- **Artur Eberg** – Eberg Aviation Consulting, Montreal, Canada
- **Ayman Idlbi** – Norton Rose Fulbright, Montreal, Canada
- **Serap Zuvin** – Serap Zuvin Law Offices, Istanbul, Turkey

**11:30 - 11:50**

## **REFRESHMENT BREAK**





11:50 - 13:00

## CONSUMER RIGHTS: REGULATION & LITIGATION

- The United Airlines Incident with Dr. Dao: What remedies exist for a forcibly “re-accommodated” (and injured) passenger?
- Should airlines be prevented from restricting public and third-party access to fare and schedule information to facilitate independent comparison shopping?
- The growth of airline ancillary fees--helpful and transparent, or harmful and deceptive?
- Are travel sites that do not directly book flights airline “ticket agents” that should be subject to regulation?
- Will the Trump Administration put a halt to or roll back U.S. consumer regulations?
- Are regulations, penalties, and compensation schemes for extend tarmac delays, denied boarding, and flight cancellations fair and equitable?
- EU Regulation 261 revisited.
- Do conflicting regimes for consumer protection pose an undue burden on airlines, and invite ICAO to step in?
- Do these regulations conflict with the exclusivity provisions of the Warsaw and Montreal Conventions? Was the EU Court of Justice wrong in finding no conflict?
- What do new regulations require for advertising, sales, and promotions?
- What is the gravity of liability exposure for airlines under the tarmac delay rules?
- How do policy makers and security personnel resolve the conflict between intrusive aviation security procedures and personal privacy?

### CHAIR:

- **Paul Fitzgerald** – Canadian Transportation Agency, Ottawa, Canada

### SPEAKERS:

- **Martine De Serres** – Air Canada, Montreal, Canada
- **Kenneth Quinn** – Baker McKenzie LLP, Washington, DC, USA
- **Steven Truxal** – City, University of London, London, UK



13:00

## ADJOURNMENT (FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN FOYER)

# SPEAKERS

**BRIAN J. ALEXANDER**  
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Brian J. Alexander graduated from the United States Military Academy and served as a military helicopter and fixed wing pilot from 1985-1990. He is a

graduate of the Army Aviation Accident Investigation Course and a licensed FAA commercial multi-engine airplane and helicopter pilot with instrument ratings. Upon receiving his Juris Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame Law School, Mr. Alexander has litigated numerous international and domestic airline, commuter, military and general aviation crash cases for more than two decades. He was one of the lead attorneys for the 9/11 litigation and, presently represents families and victims from Asiana Airlines Flight 214 crash, Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 shoot down and Germanwings Flight 9525 crash.

Mr. Alexander is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Rutgers School of Law, teaching a course on *Aviation Accident Litigation*. He is a co-editor of *Aviation Accident Law* (Matthew Bender) and co-author of *Litigating the Aviation Case from Pre-Trial to Closing* (ABA 1998). He is the former Chairman of the Aviation Section of the American Trial Lawyers Association and Vice Chairman of the American Bar Association Air & Space Law Committee. He has also appeared on celebrated television and radio shows as an aviation expert and legal analyst and was interviewed by Mike Wallace of "60 Minutes" with regard to his efforts on Capitol Hill to address aviation safety.

**BARRY F. BENSON**  
US Department of Justice  
Washington, DC, USA

Barry F. Benson is the Director of the Aviation and Admiralty Section of the United States Department of Justice where he has worked since 1990. He graduated *highest honor* with a B.S. in Aviation Management from Florida Institute of Technology in 1983. He graduated, *cum laude*, from Temple University School Law in 1987. Prior to joining the Department, he was in private practice in Colorado, where he concentrated in the areas of aviation and insurance litigation. He served a four-year enlistment in the United States Army as an air traffic controller beginning in 1975.

While at the Department of Justice, Benson has worked on a variety of aviation matters, including *In re Air Crash in Lexington, Kentucky* (Comair 5191), *In re Air Crash in Little Rock, Arkansas* (American Airlines 1420), *In re Air Crash at Agana, Guam* (KAL 801), *In re Air Crash near Colorado Springs* (United 585), and *In re Air Crash Disaster near Cove Neck Long Island* (Avianca 052).

**SHERYL L. BREGMAN**  
Office of the San Francisco City  
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San Francisco, California, USA



Sheryl L. Bregman serves as Airport General Counsel to the San Francisco International Airport, where she manages the Airport Legal

Division for the San Francisco City Attorney. She has held this position since 2011. The division provides a full range of in-house legal services to the San Francisco Airport Commission (leases and permits, environmental/land use regulations, construction, public protection (security, police, fire), contracts, labour, municipal finance, litigation, and general government). Ms. Bregman joined the Office of the San Francisco City Attorney in 1995 as a Deputy City Attorney. Prior to joining the Office of the City Attorney, Ms. Bregman was in private practice. Ms. Bregman holds a J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and a B.A. from Brandeis University.

**ALICE CHAN**  
Chan & Grant, LLP  
New York, USA



As an attorney, and Founding Partner of Chan & Grant, LLP, Ms. Alice Chan has been representing the local and international aviation business

community for over 20 years. She has defended Fortune 500 and other companies, including domestic and international air carriers, aircraft and aircraft parts manufacturers,



maintenance service providers and airport terminal operators in mass tort litigation, complex commercial actions, premises liability, insurance, wrongful death, personal injury, property damage and contract actions throughout the United States and internationally.

She is the President of the New York Chapter, Women in Aviation, Inc. and Adjunct Professor of Aviation Law at Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology and a member of its Advisory Council. She is also an aviation mentor with the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum's GOALS for Girls program and member of the NYC STEM Girls Collaborative whose goals are to provide support, create opportunities and encourage girls and women to be, and stay involved, in aviation, and other STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs.

**GILLES CHARETTE**  
Air Canada  
Montreal, Canada



As Senior Director of Corporate Security, Gilles is responsible for the overall security of Air Canada's operation. The list of responsibilities

range from executive protection and travel safety of crewmembers, worldwide building security, internal investigations, incident response, passenger complaints, disruptive passengers, bomb threat assessments, regulatory matters, assistance to Government agencies, assessment of new destinations. In addition, he manages a team spanning across Canada.

Prior to joining Air Canada in 2001, Gilles was a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for 26 years. He served in several provinces in different sectors investigating organized crime, drugs, and money laundering.

**PHILIP CHRYSTAL**  
Swiss Re  
Zurich, Switzerland



Philip Chrystal is currently a Director and Global Practice Leader for Aviation and Space Claims within the claims division of Swiss Re Corporate Solutions in

Zurich. Joining the Swiss Reinsurance Company in 1990, he was initially an aviation underwriter for 10 years handling both reinsurance treaty and facultative business before working in the ART group for two years devoted to the aerospace industry. He moved into claims in 2000.

He holds degrees in commerce and law from the University of New South Wales in Sydney and a master of laws in air and space law from McGill University in Montreal. He was admitted to the New South Wales Supreme Court as a Solicitor/Attorney in 1980, a former chair and member of the Legal and Claims Practice Group of the International Union of Aerospace Insurers in London, a co-editor of Margo on Aviation Insurance (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) and a co-editor of Shawcross and Beaumont Air Law.

**PAUL STEPHEN DEMPSEY**  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada



Paul Stephen Dempsey is Tomlinson Professor Emeritus of Air & Space Law and Director Emeritus of the Institute of Air & Space Law at McGill University, and

Visiting Professor at the University of Auckland. For two decades, he was Professor of Transportation Law, and Director of the Transportation Law Program at the University of Denver. He was an attorney with the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board and the U.S. Interstate Commerce Commission.

He holds the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts, and Juris Doctor, University of Georgia; Master of Laws, George Washington University; Doctor of Civil Laws, McGill University. He has published more than two dozen books, 100 journal articles, and scores of newspaper editorials. From 1986 to 1998, he was host of the television talk show, "Your Right to Say It." From 1994-2009, Paul Dempsey was Vice Chairman & Director of Frontier Airlines Holdings, Inc., and Chairman of Lynx Aviation, Inc.. He has served as a consultant to U.S. and foreign airlines, railroads, motor carriers, bus and taxi companies, transportation labour organizations, industry associations, government agencies, and telecommunications companies. He has delivered expert witness testimony and studies before legislatures, courts and regulatory agencies in the US, France, Canada and Australia.

# SPEAKERS

**MARTINE DE SERRES**  
Air Canada  
Montreal, Canada



Martine De Serres is Senior Counsel, Regulatory and International at Air Canada and an Adjunct Professor of Law at McGill University.

At Air Canada, she is responsible for providing legal advice on a variety of issues in regulatory and international law that the airline is exposed to, including licensing, consumer protection, environmental, constitutional and competition law. Martine's practice also includes litigating consumer complaints, implementing regulatory compliance projects, and negotiating commercial agreements with other airlines. She teaches regulatory air law at the Institute of Air and Space law at McGill University and is a frequent contributor to conferences on aviation law. Prior to joining Air Canada, Martine practiced commercial litigation at a reputable Montreal litigation boutique. She holds an LL.M. and B.Sc. from McGill University and an LL.B. from the University of Sherbrooke.

**MARK DOMBROFF**  
Dentons  
McLean, Virginia, USA



Mark A. Dombroff is a Partner at Dentons, concentrating on the aviation and transportation industries, including litigation, regulatory administrative and enforcement matters; National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigations; airport and aircraft security; and employment issues. He also leads the firm's unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) practice. He has appeared in many landmark cases concerning aviation and founded the annual Airline Symposium to address best practices in the wake of an accident or incident. In 2014, he founded the annual UAS Symposium to address the growing body of drone laws and regulations. Previously Mr. Dombroff was Director of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

He completed his BA at the American University and JD at the American University Washington College of Law. He has received many recognitions including Chambers USA, Recognized Practitioner, The Legal 500: Top Aviation Lawyers. He was awarded the Attorney General's Award for Meritorious Service and Civil Air Patrol Award for Special Achievement. He has presented at several international conferences and is the author of many books, over 200 articles on numerous trial advocacy, litigation and products liability subjects published in *The National Law Journal*, *The Legal Times*, *ABA Journal*, *Trial Magazine*, *For The Defense* and numerous other legal publications.

**ROBERT DONALD**  
DLA Piper  
Calgary, Canada



Robert Donald is counsel with DLA Piper, with extensive experience in international aviation, national and international commercial transactions, litigation and competition law. He was former General counsel of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). He was Secretary to the ATA legal committee and led numerous task forces including those who developed the legal framework to implement "e-ticketing". He was a delegate to the ICAO Diplomatic Conference, which adopted the Montreal Convention 1999, IATA's chief delegate at the ICAO legal committee meeting on Modernization of the Roma Convention, a delegate to the panel of legal and technical experts on GNSS and to ICAO/UNIDROIT meeting on the Cape Town Convention.

Mr. Donald was admitted to the Quebec Bar in 1983. He holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in European Union Competition Law, King's College London (2003) and is a graduate of McGill (BCL, 1982) and Concordia (BA, 1978) Universities. He was appointed as the Executive Director by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Aviation Maintenance Council (CAMC) and was recognized for his expertise by *Who's Who Legal: Transport (Aviation Contentious)* 2017, *Who's Who Legal: Canada (Aviation)* 2010 -2016 and *Expert Guides: Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers* 2014.

**MICHAEL DREIKORN**  
The IPL Group, LLC  
Bookeelia, Florida, USA



Dr. Michael Dreikorn is President of The IPL Group, LLC and has extensive leadership and technical experience in the aviation, space, and defense (AS&D) industry, both public and private sector. Dr. Dreikorn's product expertise includes space vehicles, general aviation, commercial transport aircraft, and military aircraft, for both fixed and rotor wing applications, as well as, missiles, military products, and naval vessels. Among many leadership positions he holds the positions of, the principal partner of ASD Experts (2009 – present), and the Executive Director of The Aerospace and Defense Learning Institute (2004 – present).

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Masters of Science in Management from Friends University and a Doctorate in Education in Human Resource and Organizational Development from The George Washington University's Executive Leadership Program. He was awarded the William Goeller Award of Excellence; The Aviation, Space & Defense Division of the American Society for Quality in 2009. He is also the author of several, widely acknowledged publications.

**ARTUR EBERG**  
Eberg Aviation Consulting  
Montreal, Canada



Artur Eberg holds a Master's Degree in Air and Space Law of McGill University and Master's Degree in Maritime Law of London Metropolitan University. For 20 years, he practiced law in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. He is the legacy managing partner of the law firm Eberg, Stepanov and Partners. Under his direction, the firm received substantial recognition and in 2012 was placed on the list of top-10 Russian law firms in the transport area.

Today Mr. Eberg is an air law and business consultant, domiciled in Montreal. He advises on international aviation regulatory affairs. A large part of his work deals with civil unmanned aerial vehicles. Mr. Eberg has both a legal and aviation background. Before starting his career in law, Mr. Eberg worked as an air traffic controller and has experience as a helicopter pilot. In 2014, he was assigned by the ICAO as a contracts expert for a project facilitating the international delivery of aeronautical equipment. In 2015, Mr. Eberg was qualified by IATA as an instructor in air law and regulations.

**JEFFREY ELLIS**  
Clyde & Co.  
New York, USA



Jeffrey Ellis focuses his practice on aviation, insurance, products liability, commercial, litigation and appellate matters. He represents airline carriers in

connection with the various liability and regulatory issues confronting the aviation industry on both the domestic and international fronts. In this regard, he consults with various airlines, manufacturers, insurers and industry groups to analyze the legal and regulatory implications of issues related to the federal and/or international preemption of aviation safety and security standards, code share and alliance relationships, connecting carrier relationships, the Montreal/Warsaw system and the Chicago Convention.

Mr. Ellis represented the interests of United Airlines in the litigation arising from the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He also represented the interests of Delta Air Lines in the Swissair/Delta Flight 111 crash, Continental Airlines in the Air France Concorde crash, and Delta/Northwest in the litigation arising out of the Underwear Bomber incident.

# SPEAKERS

## P. PAUL FITZGERALD

Canadian Transportation Agency  
Ottawa, Canada



Dr. P. Paul Fitzgerald is a Member of the Canadian Transportation Agency and an Adjunct Professor at McGill's Institute of Air & Space Law. He has handled legal files related to the Air India Flight 182 disaster and has published for over 25 years in peer-reviewed law journals in Canada, the United States and Europe. He has presented papers at international conferences in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia. Dr. Fitzgerald has taught aviation law to students at McGill University's Institute of Air & Space Law and Chicago's DePaul University College of Law.

He has served as an advisor to government on aviation, rail and marine matters. He championed Canada's Blue Skies policy and helped promote changes to the Canada Transportation Act and the Canada Marine Act. He was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. Dr. Fitzgerald holds an earned Doctorate in Law at McGill University's Institute of Air & Space Law. He holds a Master of business administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, a joint Bachelor of common and civil law from McGill University and a Bachelor of political science from Université Laval. He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.

## DONALD PATRICK HANLEY

Aviation Capital Group  
Dublin, Ireland



Dr. Hanley is Managing Director of ACG Aircraft Leasing Ireland Limited, a Dublin based wholly owned subsidiary of Aviation Capital Group Corp. (ACG), a large

California based aircraft leasing company. He is also leads ACG's Swedish and French subsidiaries. With Dr Donald Bunker and others, he founded CIAF Leasing, an Egyptian aircraft leasing company based in the Egyptian Civil Aviation Ministry in Cairo, in 2009.

He represents ACG on the Aviation Working Group (AWG), an industry association of major aircraft and aircraft engine manufacturers, lessors and financiers, and is a member of the AWG team negotiating legal documentation standardization with IATA member airlines. He is also an instructor in aircraft financing for the International Air Transport Association. He is an active member of the State Bar of California and a non-practising solicitor admitted in Ireland, England and Wales. He served as Chair of the International Law Section of the State Bar of California from 2006 to 2007.

## BRIAN F. HAVEL

DePaul University  
Chicago, Illinois, USA



Brian F. Havel is Distinguished Research Professor of Law, Associate Dean for International Affairs and Director of the International Aviation

Law Institute at DePaul University College of Law, Chicago. He is also Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Oxford, Leiden University, and University College Dublin. He was the Keeley Fellow at the University of Oxford, Wadham College, from 2011 to 2013. On August 1, 2017, he will become the Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University, where he was previously Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Comparative Law and Legal Pluralism. Professor Havel serves on the World Economic Forum's Future of Travel & Tourism Council and the Board of the European Air Law Association. His most recent book is *The Principles and Practice of International Aviation Law* (Cambridge 2014).

**James Healy-Pratt**  
**Stewarts Law LLP**  
**London, UK**



James Healy-Pratt is a Partner and the head of Aviation and Travel Department of Stewarts Law LLP, and specializes in airline disasters and aviation

accidents worldwide, including those involving commercial jet airliners, business jets, helicopters, small general aviation aircraft, micro-lights and para-gliders. He also specializes in Space Law catastrophes involving satellites and satellite launches. His work and reputation are recognized by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, the two pre-eminent independently researched guides to the legal profession. He is Top Ranked in Chamber & Partners 2017 and a Leading Individual in Legal 500 2016.

James is an active qualified helicopter pilot and makes regular media appearances on TV, Radio and the National and International Press on matters of air safety. He is a regular Speaker at International Aviation Law Conferences worldwide. James is also HM Assistant Coroner for East Sussex, Aviation Law Arbitrator and Mediator for the Royal Aeronautical Society. He holds membership in the Air Law Committee - Royal Aeronautical Society, Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, Law Society of England & Wales, New York Bar and the American Association for Justice.

**AYMAN IDLBI**  
**Norton Rose Fulbright**  
**Montreal, Canada**



Ayman Idlbi drafts and prosecutes patent applications and industrial designs for many jurisdictions. With a background and Master's degree

in Aerospace Engineering, Mr. Idlbi's experience is particularly suited to inventions in the drone and aeronautical arts. Additionally, he provides counsel and opinions relating to patentability of inventions, validity of patents, risks of patent infringement, and freedom-to-operate for a wide variety of physical products and processes. Mr. Idlbi also advises clients on drone regulations and risk management related to drone operations. He is regularly called upon to present on technology and regulatory drone related topics. He publishes articles reviewing drone technology in the "*Les Actifs Créatifs*" blog and articles reviewing Canadian regulations in Newsletters from Aero Montreal.

Mr. Idlbi is involved in building and flying recreational drones since 2008 and holds a private pilot license. He is currently completing a Master of Laws at the Institute of Air & Space Law at McGill University focusing on the integration of drones into national airspace. Mr. Idlbi started his career in research and development at a company that designed and manufactured aircraft engines, and thereafter pursued activities in design engineering, while he also worked at an aircraft manufacturer.

**LEIGH ANN KIRBY**  
**NAV CANADA**  
**Ottawa, Canada**



As Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Ms. Kirby is responsible for all legal and corporate service functions at NAV CANADA, which

she joined in 2016 after ten years in the banking industry and the last four years at The Toronto-Dominion Bank (TD Bank). At TD Bank, Ms. Kirby was Associate Vice President – Legal, where she acted as a senior advisor to executive management to meet legal and regulatory obligations, supporting retail, marketing and credit cards. Ms. Kirby joined MBNA Canada Bank in 2006 as Senior Legal Counsel where she managed the litigation portfolio and provided legal support to the credit card business. Shortly after, she was promoted to the role of Chief Legal Counsel in 2007 and was responsible for all legal affairs of the company. Ms. Kirby started her legal career as a litigation associate, first with Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP and then with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP.

Ms. Kirby holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics and Politics from Queen's University and a Bachelor of Laws degree (LL.B.) from the University of Windsor. She is a member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Law Society of Upper Canada. Ms. Kirby is the mother of two teenage daughters, Sarah and Maggie.



# SPEAKERS

**KINGA KOLASA-SOKOŁOWSKA**  
THB Polska  
Warsaw, Poland



Kinga is the Aviation Insurance Expert at THB Group in Poland and is responsible for advising on legal issues and handling aviation claims.

Prior to joining THB, she worked in various industry positions including an insurance specialist's role at insurance company and at coverholder of Lloyd's, as well as internships at Polish Ministry of Infrastructure, Polish Airlines LOT, and Polish Ministry of National Defense. She has earned her Master of law degree from the University of Warsaw, and she is currently pursuing her LL.M. thesis on aviation reinsurance at McGill. She was awarded Graduate Excellence Fellowship, Shanghai Municipal Government Scholarship, Graduate Research Mobility Award in Law and prestigious Robert E. Morrow Fellowship. Kinga is a regular speaker at various aviation and space events and conferences. She is a member of McGill's Institute of Air and Space Law Association, the Platform for Unmanned Cargo Aircraft, the Aryavarta Space Organisation, and the Polish Aviation Club.

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James P. Kreindler joined Kreindler & Kreindler LLP, the firm started by his father and grandfather, 33 years ago. A specialist in aviation accident and terrorist litigation, Mr. Kreindler took over the lead role of the Plaintiffs' Committee in the Pan Am 103 families' suit against Libya, which produced \$2.7 billion in additional compensation for the families of the Lockerbie victims. Mr. Kreindler played a major role in the trial against Pan Am arising from the Flight 103 disaster over Lockerbie, Scotland.

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Since 2014 he has been named a Super Lawyer in Aviation & Aerospace for the New York Metro area. He also has been listed as a Leading Aviation Attorney by *Aviation Expert Guides* and recognized in *Who's Who Legal Transport: Aviation Contentious*. He was honoured with the Emory Law School 2008 Alumni Service Award. Before joining Condon & Forsyth in 1999, Mr. Maggio practiced law on Long Island with focus on commercial, premises and products liability litigation. He has also served as a Faculty Member for the Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques at Emory University School of Law since 2004 and as a legal writing instructor for the Continuing Legal Education Paralegal Program at Queens College from 1998 to 2004. He is the current President of the Emory Law School Alumni Board and the incoming President of the Association of Transportation Law Professionals.

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Mr. Moller's serves as an arbitrator and a mediator. He is a frequent lecturer in the U.S. and abroad, the author of numerous articles on matters relating to aviation and product liability, trial techniques, aviation safety, litigation and settlement strategies. He served as Chairman of the Aviation and Space Law Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Aviation Committee of the New York State Bar Association. He held a broad range of leadership

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Her other areas of work experience include Underwriting (both aviation and liability), Compliance Officer, Company Secretary, General Counsel, Head/Manager Aviation (Aerospace) and Cargo Claims and she has worked as a Boatman. Ulla has also served in the Swedish Navy and spent six months in Lebanon (1986-1987) serving as a United Nations Peacekeeper for which she in 1988 was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. During her spare time, she is studying psychology at Kristianstad University in Sweden, specializing on forensic psychology as well as Criminology.

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She holds membership in many organizations including the Hamburg Aviation e. V., European Air Law Association, International Aviation Womens Association and German Maritime Law Association. She is a founding member of Bugenhagenschule im Hessepark. Her publications include the co-authored article "Recent Developments in Aviation Jurisprudence in Germany" in the Aviation & Space Journal (2015) and presentations include Workshop Hamburg Aviation Internationalization: Market entry in Brazil, Canada and Portugal "Information on IPR and business opportunities", International Contracts (2016) and Vertiefungsworkshop Vertragsrecht AGB (2016).

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