



**The Eleventh Annual
McGill University/PEOPIL
Conference on
INTERNATIONAL AVIATION LAW:
LIABILITY, INSURANCE & FINANCE
19-20 October 2018
at
The National Gallery of Ireland
Merrion Square
Dublin 2
Ireland**



This event brings together world-leading aviation liability, insurance & finance experts to address the following topics:

- Comparative Jurisprudence under the Warsaw System and the Montreal Convention of 1999
- Liability of Airlines, Airports, Maintenance Providers & ANSPs
- Products Liability of Manufacturers Aircraft, Engines & Component Parts
- Governmental Liability
- Consumer Protection Regulation & Litigation
- Aircraft Leasing and Finance
- The Challenges of Settlement
- In addition, the conference will host a luncheon and reception/dinner to facilitate networking between attorneys, insurers, air carriers, manufacturers and governmental representatives.

This is the Eleventh Annual McGill/PEOPIL Conference on International Aviation Liability, Insurance & Finance

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2018

8:15 – 9:00

REGISTRATION

9:00 – 10:00

Recent Developments in Air Carrier Liability

- Comparative Analysis of Recent Warsaw and Montreal Convention Jurisprudence in Europe, the US, Latin America and Asia/Pacific
- Applicability of the 261/2004 EU regulation to non-EU carriers
- Update on the “extraordinary circumstances” defense: recent EU Jurisprudence
- Recent Aviation Disaster Litigation
- Conflicts Between U.S. and European Courts
- The Challenges of Achieving Global Uniformity

Chair: Paul Stephen Dempsey – McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Speakers:

Luiz Eduardo Arena Alvarez– Arena Alvarez Advogados – Sao Paulo

Jorge Góngora - Góngora Reina & Associates, Bogotá

Andrew Harrington – Norton White, Sydney

Jeanne O’Grady – Speiser Krause, New York

Rebecca Smith - Irwin Mitchell LLP, London

10:00 – 11:00

Liability of Manufacturers of Aircraft and Component Parts

- Does governmental certification preempt tort claims?
- What are Recoverable Damages?
- The Conflict Between North American and European Courts
- 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: Heather Devine – Isaacs & Co., Toronto

Speakers:

Stephen Coxhead - Fowler White Burnett, Miami

Vonnick Le Guillou – DLA Piper, Paris

Brandt Madsen – SmithAmundsen, Chicago

David Weiner – Arnold & Porter, Houston

Zhang Chaohan – Northwest University of Political Science & Law, Xi'an

11:00 – 11:20

Refreshment Break

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11:20 – 12:20

Liability of Governments for Aviation Accidents and Acts of Terrorism

- Sovereign Immunity
- The US Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act and the Federal Tort Claims Act
- The 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?
- Under what circumstances can a State force a foreign airline to waive sovereign immunity as a condition of licensing?
- Libya's Settlement with Families of Pan Am 103
- The Challenges of State Liability: A look at KAL 007, Lockerbie, the September 11, 2001, U.S. terror attacks, MH 17 and Cuban Brothers to the Rescue

Chair: Jim Morris – Ashfords, London

Speakers:

Alisa Brodowitz – Friedman Rubin, Seattle

Jim Kreindler – Kreindler & Kreindler, New York

12:20 – 13:40

Lunch

13:40 – 14:40

Liability of Airports, ANSPs and Maintenance Providers

- Liability of airports for passenger injury
- The contractual liability of the airport operator
- Cyber Security: Airport risk and liability
- Implementation of the data protection EU 2016/679 Regulation
- Airport operation risks, related liability and insurance program
- The lessor and manufacturer liability, latest developments
- Liability of lessors under the principle of negligent entrustment
- Liability of maintenance providers

Chair: Jean-Michel Fobe – Sybarius Advocates, Brussels

Speakers:

Valérie Augros - Avocat à la Cour, Paris

Adrian Cioranu – EUROCAE, Paris

Isabelle Lelieur, Chevrier Avocats, Paris

Ann-Frederique Pothier – Eurocontrol, Brussels

14:40 – 15:50

Court Is in Session: *Analyzing the Importance of Trial in Aviation Accident Cases*

- Choice of Jurisdiction: Trial Considerations
- Comparative Fault and Joint Liability
- Admissibility of Government Investigations and Criminal Proceedings
- Time to Trial and Cost
- Trial, Strategy, and Verdict – *Judge vs. Jury*
- Using “The Threat” of Trial in Settlement Negotiation

Chair: Robert Hedrick - Aviation Law Group, Seattle

Panel Speakers:

Robert A. Clifford – Clifford Law Offices, Chicago

Sigrid Preissl – Bourayne & Preissl, Paris

Gerard Forlin QC – Cornerstone Barristers, London

Joe Fiorante – Camp, Fiorante, Matthews, Vancouver

15:50 – 16:10

Refreshment Break

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16:10 – 17:30

Aviation Litigation in Ireland: How It Works

- Irish Legal Issues relating to aviation liability and insurance
- PIAB (statutory scheme for personal injury),
- Coroners Inquests after the Norfolk Coroner Judicial Review case
- SAR operations

Chair: James Healy-Pratt – Stewarts Law LLP, London

Speakers:

Kieran Cowhey - Dillon Eustace, Dublin

Simon McAleese – McAleese & Co., Dublin

Patrick McGurgan – Coroner for Northern Ireland, Belfast

18:00 – 19:30

Gala Reception and Dinner



Keynote Speaker:
Stephen Kavanagh, CEO Aer Lingus

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SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2018

9:30-10:30

Air Carrier Liability: What is an “Accident”, and What Damages are Recoverable under the Warsaw/Montreal Conventions

- Review of recent court decisions on what constitutes accident and bodily injury.
- To what extent are courts permitting recovery for emotional and mental injuries?
- How courts treat medical emergencies in flight?
- Review of recent court decisions on the scope of (dis)embarkation.
- Should the carrier be liable for passenger-to-passenger assaults?
- Should the carrier be liable for occurrences that are not related to the operation of the aircraft?
- What will be the liability exposure of crew and/or air marshals who subdue an unruly passenger?

Chair: George Leloudas – Swansea University

Speakers:

Simon Balls - Kennedys, London

Michel F. Baumeister - Baumeister & Samuels, P.C., New York

Andrew Harakas – Clyde & Co., New York

Mark K. Schwartz - Driggers, Schultz & Herbst, PC, Troy, Michigan

10:30-11:30

The Challenges of Aircraft Leasing and Finance

- Smart choices in aircraft investment – asset types and jurisdictional risk
- Monitoring the Cape Town Convention – scoring compliance by member States
- The future of export credit and financing
- Expunging clogs in the title and other interventions: how the Irish High Court keeps watch on the Cape Town international registry
- Subsidies and State aid: updates on the GATT, Airbus-Bombardier and other recent flashpoints

Chair: Brian F. Havel – McGill University, Montreal

Speakers:

Catherine Duffy – A&L Goodbody, Dublin

Donald Gray- Blakes & Company, Toronto

Donal Patrick Hanley – ACG Aircraft Leasing Ireland Limited, Dublin

Richard Sharman – Clifford Chance, London

Serap Zuvin - Cakmak Law Offices, Istanbul

11:30-11:50

Refreshment Break

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11:50 -13:00

Aviation Litigation in the United States: How it Works

- Conflict of Laws
- Venue
- Forum Non Conveniens
- Jury Trials
- Appeals

Chair: Patricia Barlow – Barlow Law, San Francisco

Speakers:

Stuart Fraenkel – Nelson & Fraenkel LLP, Los Angeles

Christopher Knight – Fowler White Burnett, Miami

Kevin Sutherland – Clyde & Co., San Francisco

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 15:30

The Challenges of Settlement Negotiation & Emerging Insurance Issues

- The Challenges of Multi-Jurisdictional Settlements in Complex International Aviation Litigation Against Multiple Tortfeasors
- Settlement Complications in Cases Involving Long-Missing Commercial Aircraft
- Settlement/Payment Difficulties Due to Sanctions and International Trade Controls
- Use of “Structured Settlements”
- Emerging Insurance Issues (e.g., Acts of Terrorism, Conflict Zones, Cyber Security)

Chair: Alan Reitzfeld – Retired Senior Partner, Holland & Knight, New York

Panelists:

Anna Anatolitou – Ince & Co., London

Martin Blake – Juris Resolutions, Dublin

Steven C. Marks – Podhurst Orseck PA, Miami

Anna Masutti – LexJus Sinacta, Milan

Suzanne McCarthy– Global Aerospace, New Jersey

The **McGill University Institute of Air & Space Law Alumni** meeting follows the Conference. The reunion will be comprised of an afternoon seminar (following the conference) on international business law issues, a cocktail reception at the end of the seminar, and then a gala champagne dinner and party at a private home in the beautiful city centre residential area of Raglan Road.



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2018 CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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