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THIS EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER WORLD-LEADING AVIATION LIABILITY AND INSURANCE EXPERTS TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Recent Developments in Aviation Liability and Insurance
- Recovery of Non-Economic Damages
- Unruly Passengers and Liability for Acts of Unlawful Interference
- Jurisdiction & Forum Non Conveniens
- Liability of Manufacturers of Aircraft, Engines & Component Parts
- Comparative Interpretations of the Montreal Convention of 1999 and their Impact on Airlines, Manufacturers, Insurers & Claimants
- Disputes Between Insurers and Reinsurers
- Lessors' Liability Exposure

AS WELL AS TO PRESENT FOUR SIMULATIONS:

- Moot Court Pretrial Motion
- Moot Trial
- Mock Mediation
- Moot Court Appellate Argument

The fact pattern on which the four simulations are based will cover key complex contemporary legal issues.

In addition, the conference will host luncheons and a cocktail reception to facilitate networking among attorneys, insurers, air carriers, manufacturers and governmental representatives.

This is the third annual conference on this subject organized by the McGill University Institute of Air & Space Law. Prior conferences were held in Montreal in 2009 and Amsterdam in 2010.





PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 5

16:30 – 18:00

Registration: Hilton Montréal Bonaventure

FRIDAY, MAY 6

7:00 – 8:45 Registration

8:45 – 9:00 Welcoming Remarks

Prof. Paul Stephen Dempsey (*McGill University, Institute of Air & Space Law, Montreal*)

9:00 – 10:30

Recent Developments in Aviation Liability & Insurance

- A review of contemporary laws, jurisprudence and developments in international air law and liability insurance.

CHAIR: Rod D. Margo (*Condon & Forsyth LLP, Los Angeles*)

SPEAKERS:

- Air Carrier Liability: **Laura Safran, QC** (*Davis LLP, Calgary*)
- Manufacturers' Liability: **Thomas J. McLaughlin** (*Perkins Coie LLP, Seattle*)
- Air Navigation Service Provider Liability: **Roderick Van Dam** (*EUROCONTROL, Brussels*)
- Insurance: **Kathy Posner** (*Condon & Forsyth LLP, New York*)
- Lessor Liability: **Gerald C. Sterns** (*Sterns & Walker, Oakland*)

10:30 – 10:50 REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:50 – 12:00

A Pre-Trial Moot Court Argument on Forum Non Conveniens

Should domestic courts hear claims for accidents arising in foreign jurisdictions? Listen to a lively debate that may include a discussion of the five (six) jurisdictions under the Montreal Convention of 1999, the West Caribbean Airways

case, the Helios case, the Gol midair collision and others. Following the Moot Court argument, the lawyers will turn to the audience for a candid discussion of their strategic and tactical considerations in advocacy. These two prominent aviation tort lawyers will argue the motion before an appellate judge, a former Dean of the McGill University Faculty of Law.

JUDGE: Hon. Nicholas Kasirer (*Court of Appeal of Québec, Montreal*)

COUNSEL:

FOR THE PLAINTIFF: Steven Marks (*Podhurst Orseck P.A., Miami*)

FOR THE DEFENDANT: Allan Mendelsohn (*Cozen O'Connor, Washington, DC*)

12:00 – 13:30 LUNCH

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: George Petsikas (*President, National Airlines Council Of Canada, Montreal*)

13:30 – 15:30

Mock Mediation

This presentation is a mock mediation of the liability and damages issues in the same fact pattern as the pre-trial moot court argument and the moot trial.

"THE PLAYERS":

CHAIR: Alan D. Reitzfeld (*Holland & Knight LLP, New York*)

PARTICIPANTS:

Michael Carbone (*JetBlue Airways Corporation, New York*)

James B. Chaplin (*Mediation Inc., Fort Lauderdale*)

Philip Chrystal (*Swiss Reinsurance Company, Zurich*)

James P. Kreindler (*Kreindler & Kreindler LLP, New York*)

Mark Mackrell (*Norton White, Sydney*)

Ulla Annica Norrhäll (*Munich Reinsurance Company, Munich*)

15:30 – 15:50 REFRESHMENT BREAK



15:50 – 17:00

Roundtable Discussion: Comparative Interpretations of the Warsaw/Montreal Conventions & Aircraft Lessors' Liability Exposure

- What are the similarities and differences in judicial interpretation of the provisions of the Warsaw/Montreal Conventions?
- Do the Conventions still satisfy the objective to unify aviation liability rules globally or do they instead encourage forum shopping?
- What is the relation between the Conventions and recent passenger rights legislation and regulations?
- What is the liability exposure of aircraft losses?

CHAIR: **P. Nikolai Ehlers** (*Ehlers, Ehlers & Partner, Munich*)

EUROPE: **Wolf Müller-Rostin** (*Former General Counsel, Delvag Aviation Insurance, Cologne*)

ASIA/PACIFIC: **Peng Lim** (*Clyde & Co LLP, Singapore*)

AFRICA: **Anthony T. Laleye** (*Tayo Laleye & Co., Lagos*)

LATIN AMERICA: **Eduardo Dueri** (*Marsh Ltd., Bogotá*)

NORTH AMERICA: **Donal Hanley** (*Aviation Capital Group Corp., Newport Beach*)

17:15 – 19:00

Cocktail Reception: Hilton Montréal Bonaventure



SATURDAY, MAY 7

8:15 – 8:30

Introductory Remarks

Kenneth Quinn (*Pillsbury Winthrop, Washington, DC*)

8:30 – 11:10

Moot Trial

Enjoy a moot trial where witnesses will be examined and cross-examined, and evidence introduced including computer-based accident simulations. At the end, the trial lawyers will be invited to explain their strategic and tactical approaches.

JUDGE: **Hon. Allan Hilton** (*Court of Appeal of Québec, Montreal*)

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: **Mitch Baumeister** (*Baumeister Samuels P.C., New York*)

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT: **Ann Field** (*Cozen O'Connor, Philadelphia*)

11:10 – 11:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:30 – 12:30

Passenger Rights

- Have the courts overstepped their jurisdiction in interpreting passenger rights regulation around the globe and does this ultimately benefit passengers as intended?
- What are the future prospects for passenger rights legislation in Europe and elsewhere?
- What is the legal exposure of air navigation service providers and airports as a result of flight delays, cancellations and denied boarding?
- What are the US regulatory rules on airline advertising of services and fares and where are they applicable?

CHAIR: **George Leloudas** (*Gates And Partners, London*)

SPEAKERS:

Simon Evans (*UK CAA, London*)

Michael Gill (*IATA, Geneva*)

Francis Schubert (*Skyguide Swiss Air Navigation Services Ltd., Geneva*)

Thomas J. Whalen (*Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC, Washington, DC*)



12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: **Harold Caplan** (*Quadrant Chambers, London*)

14:00 – 15:00

Recovery of Non-Economic Damages

- Under what circumstances is recovery permitted for pain and suffering, loss of consortium, loss of society, post-traumatic stress disorder and other non-economic damages?
- How do the new Surface Damage Liability Conventions on air operator liability change the rule on recovery for emotional damages vis-à-vis the Warsaw/Montreal regime for air carrier liability?
- How does damage recovery against air carriers under the Warsaw/Montreal Conventions differ from recovery against other defendants (such as aircraft manufacturers) under domestic law?

CHAIR: **Bruce Garrow** (*Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Toronto*)

SPEAKERS:

- **James Healey-Pratt** (*Stewarts Law LLP, London*)
- **Louise-Hélène Sénécal** (*Air Canada, Montreal*)
- **David Willcox** (*Clyde & Co LLP, London*)

15:00 – 16:00

Unruly Passengers and Liability for Acts of Unlawful Interference

- Should the carrier be liable for the assault of one passenger on another?
- Should liability be allowed under the Warsaw/Montreal regimes when the “accident” was not caused by an event or occurrence related to an aviation operation?
- What are the policies and procedures which air carriers follow to deal with the unruly passenger?
- Have recent court decisions circumscribed the liability shield provided by the Tokyo Convention?

CHAIR: **Gerard Chouest** (*Bersenas LLP, Toronto*)

SPEAKERS:

- **John Balfour** (*Clyde & Co LLP, London*)
- **Steven Fus** (*United Airlines, Inc., Chicago*)
- **Jeanne M. O’Grady** (*Speiser Krause Nolan & Granito, New York*)
- **Alejandro Piera** (*UAE Delegation on the ICAO Council, Montreal*)

16:00 – 16:20 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:20 – 17:30

Moot Court Appellate Argument

This session consists of a mock US Supreme Court argument of the recent US Court of Appeals decision in *Eid v. Alaska Airlines*, 621 F.3rd 858 (9th Cir. 2010). *Eid* addressed an issue of elevated importance in the aftermath of September 11, holding that under the Tokyo Convention, liability for an airline captain’s decision to divert a flight and deplane allegedly unruly passengers should be based on a simple lack of reasonable care and not on the more deferential “arbitrary and capricious” standard. The decision arguably exposes carriers to increased liability, and potentially circumscribes flight crew discretion in dealing with unruly passengers. In this session, two prominent aviation tort lawyers will cross swords before the only US appellate court judge to have published law review articles on aviation regulatory issues.

JUDGE: **Hon. Richard D. Cudahy** (*US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit*)

- ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: **Andrew J. Harakas** (*Clyde & Co US LLP, New York*)
- ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENTS: **Steve Pounian** (*Kreindler & Kreindler LLP, New York*)

17:30

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Paul Stephen Dempsey (*McGill University, Institute of Air And Space Law, Montreal*)

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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- Registration fees are expressed in **Canadian dollars**.
- Conference fees include Canadian and Quebec sales taxes.
- Registration fees include admission to the two-day program, refreshment breaks, luncheons and a cocktail reception.
- A 30% discount will apply on fees indicated on registration form for one-day admission.

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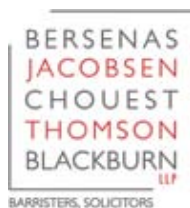
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