12TH Annual McGill Conference on International Aviation Liability, Insurance & Finance

MONTREAL
18-19 OCTOBER 2019

Plaza Centre-Ville (EVO Building)
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Montreal, Canada H3C 3Z7

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

Recent Developments in Air Carrier Passenger Liability  
Reflections and Predictions on the 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Convention  
Liability of Airports, ANSPs and Maintenance Providers  
Global Regulatory Update – Air Transport Regulation  
Aerospace Insurance Claims  
Aviation Product Liability Cases  
Recent Developments in Air Carrier Cargo Liability  
The Cape Town Convention after 15 Years in Force  
Update on Liability Issues from Key Montreal Organisations (ICAO, IATA, ACI, IFALPA)  
Liability Issues Arising from Drone Disruption of Air Travel

In addition, the conference will host social events to facilitate networking among attorneys, insurers, air carriers, airports, manufacturers, government and other air transport representatives.

This is the 12th Annual McGill Conference on International Aviation Liability, Insurance & Finance. Prior Conferences were held in:

Toulouse (2008)  
Montreal (2009)  
Amsterdam (2010)  
Montreal (2011)  
London (2012)  
Montreal (2013)  
London (2014)  
Montreal (2015)  
Edinburgh (2016)  
Montreal (2017)  
Dublin (2018)
PROGRAMME

(the notation * after a speaker’s details indicates that the speaker has been invited but has not yet confirmed)

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019

07.30-08.30
REGISTRATION

08.30-09.30
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AIR CARRIER PASSENGER LIABILITY

- Comparative analysis of recent Warsaw and Montreal Convention jurisprudence
- Applicability of the EU Regulation 261/2004 to non-EU carriers, and update on the “extraordinary circumstances” defence
- Recent aviation disaster litigation, including Lion Air and Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737 MAX crashes and groundings
- Damage awards, and their influence on forum shopping
- Jurisdictional issues: venue; place where the contract was made; fifth jurisdiction under Montreal 99; treaty and personal jurisdiction; exclusive cause of action; forum non conveniens; removal to Federal court
- Criminalisation, and its impact on civil liability and insurance
- The challenges of achieving global uniformity

CHAIR:
Paul Stephen Dempsey
(Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University – Montreal, Canada)

PANEL MEMBERS:
Brian J. Alexander (Kreindler & Kreindler – New York, New York, USA)
Peter Neenan (Stewarts – London, UK)
Judy Nemsick (Holland & Knight – New York, New York, USA)
Mark K. Schwartz (Driggers, Schultz & Herbst – Troy, Michigan, USA)

09.30-10.00
REFRESHMENT BREAK

10.00-11.00
LIABILITY OF AIRPORTS, ANSPs, AND MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS

- Liability of airports for passenger injury
- Contractual liability of the airport operator
- Challenges facing the modern airport and airport services providers (e.g., increased air traffic; construction, redevelopment and modernization of facilities; modernisation of ATC; cybersecurity; airport security; passenger screening; environmental concerns; regulatory issues; real estate issues; financing issues)
- Liability of maintenance providers
11.00-12.30
UPDATE ON PRODUCTS LIABILITY CASES AND A CASE STUDY ON MAJOR ACCIDENT
LITIGATION: PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT STRATEGIES

• Assessing the Lion Air and Ethiopian Airlines airplane accidents
• Suits in the Northern District of Illinois; forum non conveniens
• Government/CAA liability?
• Crisis management
• Effect of social media on regulatory oversight/certification
• International reciprocity of certification
• Solicitation of families – “code of conduct” issues
• Use of delegated authority and the FTCA defence
• Aircraft engines and component parts
• Military accidents, state aircraft issues
• European perspectives (including state aircraft issues)

CO-CHAIRS:

Robert Clifford (Clifford Law Firm – Chicago, Illinois, USA)
Kenneth P. Quinn (Baker McKenzie – Washington, D.C., USA)

12.30-14.00
LUNCH
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TBA
GLOBAL REGULATORY UPDATE – ARE GOVERNMENTS BUILDING A “CATHEDRAL” OF AIR TRANSPORT REGULATION?

- What is the proper scope of consumer protection?
- Using EU Regulation 261 in other jurisdictions including class actions
- Deciphering the new Canadian regulations – and the IATA-led lawsuit challenge
- Prospects for reform of EU 261 and other national regimes
- Patchwork nature of data protection regulations
- Growing international oversight of safety and security
- What does the litigation scene look like?

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Brian F. Havel (Director, Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University – Montreal, Canada)

PANEL MEMBERS:

Sophia Iwantscheff (Arnecke Sibeth Dabelstein – Frankfurt, Germany)
Andrew W. Macdonald (Bersenas Jacobsen – Toronto, Canada)
Catherine Pawluch (DLA Piper (Canada) LLP – Canada)
Jeremias Prassl (University of Oxford – Oxford, UK)
Charles E. Schlumberger (The World Bank – Washington, D.C., USA)
Christopher Smith (The Air Law Firm – London, UK)

RECEIVING, MANAGING AND SETTLING PRE-LITIGATION AND LITIGATION AEROSPACE INSURANCE CLAIMS: TRENDS FOR THE FUTURE, LEARNING FROM THE PAST

- Preparing and managing aerospace claims at the pre-litigation and litigation stages – the plaintiff’s perspective: current trends
- Receiving and managing aerospace claims at the pre-litigation stages – the defendant’s perspective: current trends
- Mediation and dispute resolution both at the outset of a claim and after the lawsuit is filed: current trends
- Effective execution and finalisation of settlements reached at mediation and requirements for minor’s settlements
- The mediation process and how effective resolution of aerospace claims is reached in Latin America (with emphasis on Brazil): trends and difficulties

CHAIR:

Patricia Barlow (Barlow Law – San Francisco, California, USA)

PANEL MEMBERS:

Luiz Eduardo Arena Alvarez (Arena Alvarez Advogados – São Paulo, Brazil)
Sharon Holahan (Global Aerospace, Inc. – Parsippany, New Jersey, USA)
Christopher Knight (Fowler White Burnett – Miami, Florida, USA)
Steven C. Marks (Podhurst Orseck – Miami, Florida, USA)
Brian Poston (MacKenzie Fujisawa LLP – Vancouver, Canada)
16.00-16.30
REFRESHMENT BREAK

16.30-18.00
REFLECTIONS ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONTREAL CONVENTION – A BLUE RIBBON PANEL

- Impact of MC99 on aviation litigation worldwide
- Impact of MC99 on aviation insurance worldwide
- MC99 and EU Regulation 261: a clash of principles
- Assessment of recent MC99 litigation and what it portends
- Will MC99 eventually eliminate the Warsaw Convention?

CHAIR:

Ludwig J. Weber (Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University & ICAO – Montreal, Canada)

PANEL MEMBERS:

Alexander Batalov (Member of the ICAO Air Navigation Commission; Alternate Representative of the Russian Federation, ICAO Council – Montreal, Canada)
Sean Gates (Gates Aviation Ltd. – London, UK; former Legal Adviser to the International Union of Aviation Insurers)
Andrew J. Harakas (Head, U.S. Aviation Practice Group, Clyde & Co. – New York, New York, USA)
Jiefang Huang (Director, Legal Affairs & External Relations Bureau, ICAO – Montreal, Canada)

18.00-21.00
GALA RECEPTION /DANCE

Dance to the classic rock music performed by The Flying Outlaws, comprised of the following international aviation lawyers:

Paul Stephen Dempsey – Golden, Colorado, USA
Steven Marks – Miami, Florida, USA
Urban Olson – Stockholm, Sweden
Alan Reitzfeld – New York, New York, USA
SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019

08.30-09.30
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AIR CARRIER CARGO LIABILITY

• Issues arising from the Underwriters at Lloyds v. Expeditors Korea case in the United States
• Issues of uniformity in multimodal transport
• New IATA/FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations) agreement and implications for freight forwarders
• Proposals for amending the cargo provisions of the Montreal Convention

CHAIR:

Ralph Carter (Vice President, International Regulatory Affairs, FedEx – Washington, D.C., USA)

PANEL MEMBERS:

Barry S. Alexander (Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP – New York, New York, USA)
Holger Bürskens (Arnecke Sibeth Dabelstein – Frankfurt, Germany)
Heather Devine (Isaacs & Co. – Toronto, Canada)
Georgios Leloudas (Swansea University – Swansea, Wales, UK)

09.30-10.30
“YELP-IFYING” THE CAPE TOWN CONVENTION AFTER 15 YEARS IN FORCE

• Is the Cape Town Convention delivering on its promise of cheaper aircraft financing?
• New uses for Cape Town discount eligibility outside export credit financing
• Aviation Working Group monitoring of compliance with Cape Town – who are they and are there parallels with ICAO safety and security scoring?
• The Cape Town Convention Academic Project – should airlines be concerned with open access online reports of administrative and non-judicial remedies against them?
• Ranking of jurisdictions generally, e.g. Pillsbury Aircraft Repossession Index, and overlap with the Cape Town Convention Academic Project – is it Zagat versus Yelp?
• Discussion on recent replacements for aircraft export credit financing

CHAIR:

Donal Hanley (Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University – Montreal, Canada)

PANEL MEMBERS:

Louis Emory (Export–Import Bank of the United States– Washington, D.C., USA)*
Maria Regina M.A. Lynch (Motta Fernandes Avogados – São Paulo, Brazil)
Jason MacIntyre (Blakes, Cassels & Graydon LLP – Toronto, Canada)
Carlos Sierra (Abogados Sierra – Mexico City, Mexico); former Chair, Legal Advisory Panel, Aviation Working Group
Lisa Valentovish (Morgan Lewis – New York, New York, USA)
10.30-11.00
REFRESHMENT BREAK

11.00-12.00
UPDATES ON CURRENT AND FUTURE ISSUES FROM KEY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ORGANISATIONS

- What are the current legal and policy issues – including the issues being raised in this Conference – that are on the minds and agendas of four key national and international air transport organisations?

CHAIR:

Leslie Lugo (Assistant General Counsel, IATA – Montreal, Canada)

PANEL MEMBERS:

Daniel-Robert Gooch (President, Canadian Airports Council – Ottawa, Canada)
David T. Lloyd (UK Representative to ICAO – Montreal, Canada)
David M. Semanchik (Air Line Pilots Association – Washington, D.C., USA)
Carlos Tornero (Deputy General Counsel, IATA – Montreal, Canada)

12.00-13.00
LIABILITY ISSUES ARISING FROM DRONE DISRUPTION OF AIR TRAVEL

- Changes in regulations for both commercial and recreational operators for US/Canada/EU
- Drone safety at airports and heliports
- The use of UAVs over international waters
- Privacy compliance and management following UAV data collection
- UAV IoT operations and associated risks (for example at interconnected airports, disaster relief)
- UAVs and cybersecurity
- Insurance coverage and contract issues for customers considering adopting their own UAV technology or engaging a third-party UAV provider

CHAIR:

Katherine Ayre (Borden Ladner Gervais – Montreal & Toronto, Canada)

PANEL MEMBERS:

Jean-Michel Fobe (Sybarius – Brussels, Belgium)
Anna Masutti (LS LexJus Sinacta – Bologna & Milan, Italy; University of Bologna – Bologna, Italy)
Kathryn A. McCulloch (Dentons – Toronto, Canada)
Ehsan T. Monfared (YYZlaw – Toronto, Canada)
13.00-14.30
LUNCH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Sean Gates (Gates Aviation Ltd. – London, UK; former Legal Adviser to the International Union of Aviation Insurers)

14.30-15.30
A CONVERSATION AMONG IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

- *Four leading in-house counsel offer their perspectives on the issues that concern them most in their current professional setting, focusing in particular on the issues raised in this Conference including settlement strategies and discovery compliance*

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PANEL MEMBERS:
Nicolas Drolet (Litigation Counsel, Air Canada – Montreal, Canada)
Joan Gabel (U.S. Counsel, Air France – New York, New York, USA)
Fernando Garcia (Vice President, Legal, Cargojet Inc. – Mississauga, Ontario, Canada)
Senarath Liyanage (Vice President, Legal Affairs, Etihad Airways – Abu Dhabi, UAE)

15.30-16.30
A CONVERSATION AMONG RISING AVIATION LEGAL PROFESSIONALS (IN COOPERATION WITH THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION)

- *The future of aviation*
- *Air transport regulations*
- *Aircraft financing*
- *Space law and its current prospects for private practice*
- *Career prospects of next generation aviation professionals*

CHAIR:
Prithviraj Sharma (ICAO – Montreal, Canada)

PANEL MEMBERS:
René David-Cooper (Transportation Safety Board – Ottawa, Canada)
Philippine Dumoulin (Norton Rose Fulbright – Washington, D.C., USA)
Maria Camilla Iannini (Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University – Montreal, Canada)
Ayman Idlbi (Norton Rose Fulbright – Montreal, Canada)
Aleksandra Pucsinska (Clyde & Co. – London, UK)

16.30-18.00
CLOSING REMARKS AND FAREWELL RECEPTION
Conference Information

1. Conference Venue:

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Website: https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/montreal/yulhb/hoteldetail

Le Westin Montreal Hotel
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Tel: 514-380-3333
Website: www.westinmontreal.com

Embassy Suites by Hilton Montreal
208 Saint Antoine O., Montreal H2Y 0A6
Tel: 514-288-8886

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Website: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yulwh-w-montreal/

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To register for all programmes and events described in this brochure, please register online or submit your completed registration form and payment to the addresses indicated below.

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There are three easy ways to register:

➢ **Online**: register online at: [www.conftool.com/iali2019](http://www.conftool.com/iali2019)
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  McGill Liability Conference 2019  
  Attention: Ms. Maria D’Amico  
  McGill University  
  Institute of Air & Space Law  
  3690 Peel Street  
  Montreal, QC, Canada H3A 1X1

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  - Please complete the registration form below and send a cheque or money order in US or Canadian funds payable to “McGill University Institute of Air & Space Law”; or
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1 Place Ville Marie
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Canada

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Bank/Branch code: 003
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Currency of account: US$

Account name: McGill University
Please state: "McGill Institute of Air & Space Law"

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1 Place Ville Marie
Montreal, QC H3C 3A9
Canada

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