



Pan-European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers

LONDON AVIATION CONFERENCE

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Asterisked speakers are invited but not yet confirmed

McGill University/PEOPIL CONFERENCE ON AVIATION LAW & INSURANCE

at
The Law Society
113 Chancery Lane
London

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APRIL 19-21, 2012

Sponsored by
PEOPIL
(Pan-European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers)
and
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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
- JURISDICTION & FORUM NON CONVENIENS
- COMPARATIVE INTERPRETATIONS OF THE MONTREAL CONVENTION OF 1999 FROM EUROPE AND THE U.S.
- AIR CARRIER LIABILITY UNDER THE ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION LAWS
- LIABILITY CAUSED BY SPACE OBJECTS AND AEROSPACE VEHICLES
- CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS
- CONSUMER PROTECTION REGULATION
- FORUM NON CONVENIENS DISMISSALS OF JURISDICTION AND HOW THE CASES ARE HANDLED IN EUROPEAN COURTS



THURSDAY - APRIL 19, 2012

RECEPTION & REGISTRATION

FRIDAY - APRIL 20, 2012

PROGRAM

9:00 - 10:00

Recent Developments in Aviation Liability & Insurance

- Montreal Convention: Recent European Interpretations
- Damages: Which Are Recoverable, and Which Are Not?
- Liability of Air Navigation Service Providers under the Single European Sky
- The Liability Regime for Emerging Aerospace Transport

Chair: Clive Garner - Irwin Mitchell (London)

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Triant Flouris - Hellenic American University (Athens)

Prof. Dr. Ram Jakhu - McGill University (Montreal)

Dr. Rod Margo - Condon & Forsyth LLP (Los Angeles)

Ulla Annica Norrhäll - Munich Reinsurance Company (Munich)

Francis Schubert - Skyguide (Geneva, Switzerland)

10:00 - 11:00

Consumer Protection Regulation

- Oversales, Cancellations, Denied Boarding Compensation and Delay
- Conflict of EU Regulation 261/2004 and ECJ Interpretations with the Montreal Convention of 1999
- Are Consumer Protection Regulations Reasonable in Light of Natural Phenomena?
- Why Is There No Doctrine of *Force Majeure*?
- Airline Ancillary Fees and Full Disclosure
- Enforcement of Passenger Rights
- The Consumerization of Air Law: Is Further Regulation Needed?

Chair: Mia Wouters - LVP LAW (Brussels)

Speakers:


Antonios Simigdalas - CEO Airline Division, Marfin Investment Group Holdings S.A.; former CEO Olympic Air, Co-Founder and former General Manager of Aegean Aviation/Airlines, former CEO Olympic Air Group (Olympic Air, Olympic Handling, Olympic Engineering) (Athens)

Paul Mifsud - Aviation Consultant; former Vice President, government and legal affairs, for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (Washington)

Alejandro Piera - Advisor, UAE Delegation on the ICAO Council (Montreal and Abu Dhabi)

Dr. Christian Giesecke - Lenz und Johlen Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaft (Köln)





11:00 – 11:20

Refreshment Break

11:20 – 12:30

Air Carrier Liability under the Antitrust and Competition Laws

- The Air Cargo Prosecutions
- Antitrust Immunity for “Metal Neutral” Joint Ventures
- The Danger of Tacit Collusion Among Alliance Members in non-Immunized Markets
- Merger Criteria in the EU vis-à-vis the Competition Law of Other States

Chair: Prof. Dr. Peter van Fenema – McGill University (Montreal)

Speakers:

Lucia Bonova – European Commission DG Competition, Antitrust and Mergers (Brussels)

Paul Fitzgerald – McGill University (Montreal)

Trevor Soames - Shearman & Sterling (Brussels)

12:30 – 13:30

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13:30 – 15:00

Accident and Criminal Investigations

- When Worse Comes to Worst; Criminal Investigation in the EU of Aviation Accidents and the Inherent Risks For Airline Directors
- The Air France/Continental Concorde Case
- The Helios Airways Case
- “Just Culture” and the Liability of pilots, ANSPs, ATC Controllers, and IT Manufacturers
- The Impact of Flight Automation on Responsibility and Liability
- How Will Implementation of the Single European Skies Affect the Distribution of Liability Among Different Players and the Accident Investigation?

Chair: George Leloudas – Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law, Swansea University (Wales)

Speakers:

Stratis Georgilas - Georgilas - Hatzopoulos & Associates (Athens)

Jiri Hornik - Kocián Šolc Balaščík (Prague)

Stefan A. Kaiser – NATO (Heinsberg, Germany)


Captain Dr. Andreas Mateou - University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Urban Olson - Advokatfirman Urban Olson (Stockholm)

15:00 – 15:20

REFRESHMENT BREAK





15:20 - 16:45

***Forum non Conveniens* – How European Jurisdictions Handle American Dismissals**

- On What Grounds Do U.S. Courts Refuse Jurisdiction?
- The Helios Case
- The Air France Transatlantic Case
- West Caribbean Airways
- Flash Air
- Bashkirian
- Turkish Airlines

Chair: Stephan Eriksson – Liman Partners (Stockholm)

Speakers:

Philip Crystal – Swiss Re (Zurich)

* **Mark S. Moller or Brian Alexander** – Kreindler & Kreindler (New York)

Andrew Harakas – Clyde & Co. (New York)

Jim Morris – Irwin Mitchell (London)

Carlos Villacorta-Salís (Madrid)

16:45 - 17:00

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Prof. Dr. Paul Stephen Dempsey – McGill University

SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2012

TOUR OF THE INNS OF COURT



