



2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

58th Annual Air Law Symposium
Omni Las Colinas, 221 East Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

6:00 p.m. – Early Check-in & Late Registration

9:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – Check-in & Late Registration

5:00 p.m.

Morning Session

Ladd Sanger, Presiding

8:15 a.m. **Ladd Sanger**
Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. **Catherine Slavin** (or **Brent T. Buyse**)
Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP – *Recent Developments in Aviation Law*

9:30 a.m. **Stephen J. Shapiro**
Victor Rane – *Make a Federal Case Out of It: Three Circuit Courts Authorize Snap Removals, Helping to Resolve Decades of Uncertainty in the District Courts*

10:00 a.m. **Roger W. Clark**
Signature Resolution – *Are Montreal Convention Claims Removable Under the Complete Preemption Removal Doctrine? A Question That Cries for an Answer From the Supreme Court*

10:30 a.m. Morning Break

Bill O'Connor, Presiding

10:45 a.m. **Tim Ravich**
Tressler LLP – *Advanced Air Mobility and Law*

11:45 a.m. Luncheon
Presentation of the 21st Annual International Aviation Womens Association Scholarship

12:30 p.m. Luncheon speaker – **John Chaussee**
Southwest Airlines – *“Malice in Dallas” 5 lessons from Herb Kelleher*

Afternoon Session

Pam Hicks, Presiding

1:15 p.m. **Christopher Cooper**
AOPA – *Authorizing Aviation Activities in America: Past, Present, and Future*

1:45 p.m. Panel: **In-House Counsel Legal Update Panel**
Moderator: **Jennifer Trock** – Baker McKenzie
Panelists: **Dawud Crooms** – Atlantic Aviation
Maren Matal – Southwest Airlines
TBA

2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break

3:00 p.m. **Shannon Dugan**
Anderson and Riddle, LLP – *ETHICS: Case Settled: Now What? Ethics, Minors, and Other Concerns*

Pam Hicks, Presiding

3:30 p.m. **David Knapp**
Clyde & Co LLP – **TBA**

4:00 p.m. **Joe Cox**
Duane Morris LLP & Affiliates – *ETHICS: Ethical Issues Facing In-House Lawyers*

5:00 p.m. **Pam Hicks**
Closing Remarks

5:05 p.m. Reception

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Morning Session

Bill O'Connor, Presiding

- 8:15 a.m. Panel: **Current Aviation Insurance Claims Issues**
Moderator: **Tracy L. Morris, Esq.** – Starr Adjustment Services, Inc.
Panelists: **Gregory W. Carboy** – USAIG
Laura McGinn – Sompco International
Stephanie Short – GAIG
Sharon Zielmanski, Esq. – Allianz Global Risks
- 9:15 a.m. **Paul Tomme**
DFW Airport – **First Amendment Expression at Airports**
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Break

Debra Fowler, Presiding

- 10:15 a.m. **Rodney Patton**
U.S. Department of Justice – **When Admiralty Jurisdiction is Plane to Sea: Admiralty Jurisdiction in Aviation Crash Litigation**
- 10:45 a.m. **Benjamin T. Allen**
Holland & Knight LLP – **The Indispensable but Absent Sovereign: The NTSB Information Release “Shield” and its Impact on Civil Discovery**
- 11:15 a.m. **TBD**
TBA
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon Speaker – **Mark Fava**
Boeing ODA – **Charting the fight path: Building the Boeing 787 Dreamliner in Charleston and a career in aviation**

Afternoon Session

Debra Fowler, Presiding

- 1:15 p.m. **Keith Maynard** (or **Galen Bauer**)
Spohrer Dodd Trial Attorneys – **Montreal: What is a “territory” and why does it matter?**
- 1:45 p.m. **Jonathan M. Hoffman**
MJB Law Group LLP
Jason A. Proctor
Michaela L. Cloutier
Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC – **The Trilogy of Personal Jurisdiction**
- 2:30 p.m. **Michael S. Miska**
Devers Miska Law – **Aircraft Wreckage Inspections: Do’s, Don’ts, and How to Make Them Beneficial for all Interested Parties**
- 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Break

Ladd Sanger, Presiding

- 3:15 p.m. **Jason S. Bloom**
Bloom Strategic Consulting, Inc. – **Jury Trends**
- 4:00 p.m. **Mike Bassett**
The Bassett Firm – **ETHICS: The Man in the Ditch: A Redemption Story for Today**
- 5:00 p.m. **Ladd Sanger**
Closing Remarks
- 5:05 p.m. Closing Reception

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