

# IATA WORLD LEGAL SYMPOSIUM

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## PROGRAM

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**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**February 2024**

**Briefing Session for IATA Members**

**by invite only**

- 12h00 – 12h30**      **Member Airline Legal Briefing Sessions\***
- 12h30 – 14h00**      **General Counsel's Luncheon\*** Sponsored by: **EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND**
- 14h00 – 17h30**      **Member Airline Legal Briefing Sessions Continued\***
- 08h30 – 18h30**      **Registration for the Symposium**
- 18h00 – 20h00**      **Welcome Reception** Co-sponsored by: **/asbz** **Cooley** **COZEN O'CONNOR**

*\*All evening activities are business casual and daytime sessions are business attire*

Items marked with an (\*) are for IATA Member airlines only.





**Day 1 Environment Sustainability and Aviation Law**

**Navigating Through Legal Turbulence to Meet Sustainability Goals and Master Compliance Challenges for Aviation**

**09h00 – 09h45**

**Welcome Addresses** Co-sponsored by:



- **Kendal Netmaker, International Keynote Speaker**
- **Leslie MacIntosh, Acting General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, IATA**
- **Michael Gill, Director, Legal Affairs & External Relations, ICAO**

**09h45 – 10h30**

**Breaking Through the Clouds - Legal Challenges in Aviation's Quest for Net-Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050**

Policy and practical challenges abound in aviation's quest for net zero on carbon by 2050. These must be met with innovation on the part of government, industry, policymakers and, not least, lawyers in a range of practice areas and specialties. This panel will break down the often-complex assumptions of policy and technology that underpin net zero aspirations, identify the relevant international law obligations in issue and examine points of legal uncertainty for governments and aviation businesses en route.

**Moderated by Ali Uzun, General Counsel and Sustainability Director, Pegasus Airlines**

- **Kevin Welsh, Vice President of Environment and Chief Sustainability Officer, A4A**
- **Marie-Claude Day, Senior Counsel and Team Lead, Aviation Law Team, Transport and Infrastructure Legal Services, Transport Canada/Department of Justice Canada**
- **Mildred Troegeler, Director, Global Regulatory Strategy, and Executive Liaison to ICAO, Boeing**
- **Vincent Correia, Co-Director, Centre and Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University**

**10h30 – 11h00**

**MORNING COFFEE BREAK** Sponsored by:



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**11h00 – 12h30**

**ESG Litigation – Greenwashing and Beyond**

Points of controversy on environment and climate have become contentious business in courts, adding a sharp liability dimension to what was mostly policy debate in earlier times. How have courts dealt with litigation premised on shareholder activism, greenwashing, advertising standards and broader environmental, social and governance (ESG) grounds and, importantly, how are these developments likely to figure in the liability and risk planning of airline and aviation businesses moving forward?

**Moderated by Thera Adam, Partner IP, Marketing and Advertising, Eversheds Sutherland**

- **Averil Edwards, Managing Counsel, Environmental Sustainability, United Airlines**
- **Claudia Hess, Managing Partner, Urwantschky Dangel Borst**
- **Tom van der Wijngaart, Partner, Clyde & Co**
- **Olivia Warwick, Special Counsel, Minter Ellison**

**12h30 – 12h45**

**Constance O’Keefe Writing Award Presentation**

The Constance O’Keefe Aviation Law Writing Award 2024 is given in memory of Constance O’Keefe, a committed aviation lawyer and former General Counsel of IATA. Laura Pierallini, Studio Pierallini, will present the Award on behalf of IATA.

**12h45 – 14h00**

**NETWORKING LUNCH** Co-sponsored by:



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**14h00 – 15h30**

**National Noise Laws Without Conflict**

Noise in and around airports remains both a policy and legal issue, as well as a pressing political issue for many communities. What considerations must government and private stakeholders, including airports, communities and airlines, take into account in mapping options and obligations for noise mitigation? Importantly, what sources of law are key for today's decisionmaker and how have these been tested in recent practice?

**Moderated by Doug Mullen, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, A4A**

- **Erik Van Goor, Senior Corporate Legal Counsel, KLM**
- **Kim Murray, Barrister, New Zealand**
- **Renee Martin-Nagle, Special Counsel, Eckert Seamans**
- **Robert van Galen, Advisor, Nauta Dutilh**

**15h30 – 16h15**

**AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK** Sponsored by: **Holland & Knight**

**16h15 – 17h30**

**Competition Law and Sustainability**

This panel brings together experts in competition law and sustainability to explore the emerging intersection between competition law and policy, on the one hand, and private action or collaboration towards sustainability objectives, on the other. How have competition regulators risen to the green challenge and does today's competition law help or hinder sustainability?

**Moderated by Daniel Kanter, Assistant Director Legal Services, IATA**

- **Kathy O'Neill, Partner, Cooley**
- **Marc Wiesner, Legal Counsel, Lufthansa**
- **Miranda Cole, Partner, Norton Rose**
- **Steven Truxal, Professor of Air and Space Law and Director, International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University**

**19h00**

**GALA DINNER** Sponsored by: **SIDLEY**

## Day 2 Compliance

### Navigating Through Legal Turbulence to Meet Sustainability Goals and Master Compliance Challenges for Aviation

**09h00 – 09h45**

#### **Litigation and Liability Snapshot**

Hear from experienced litigation counsel on the latest appellate cases and broader themes relevant to carrier liability under the treaties and local law. This snapshot segment will compare the liability picture for air carriage in a selection of the world's busiest jurisdictions for last twelve months, isolating the key developments and trends in a digestible format to get you up to speed for 2024 and beyond.

**Moderated by Bartholomew Banino, Partner, Condon & Forsyth LLP**

- **Clay Hunter, Partner, Paterson MacDougall LLP**
- **Kathryn Ward, Of Counsel, DLA Piper**
- **Ricardo Bernardi, Managing Partner, Bernardi & Schnapp Advogados**

**09h45 – 10h45**

#### **Best Practice in Airline Legal Departments – Managing Compliance and Risk**

This panel brings legal leaders and compliance specialists together to explore the building blocks of good compliance and risk management for airline legal departments. Join Sterling Miller, seasoned industry GC and acclaimed author of *Ten Things You Need to Know as In-House Counsel*, for this enlightening and engaging discussion of the role of the legal department, technology and, ultimately, of our people and teams in fostering mature, practical and best-in-class compliance outcomes for the company.

**Moderated by Sterling Miller, CEO and Senior Counsel, Hilgers Graben PLLC**

- **Jennifer Coyne, General Counsel, project44**
- **Patrick Wilson, Managing Director, Antifragile Limited**

**10h45 – 11h10**

**MORNING COFFEE BREAK** Sponsored by:



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**11h10 – 12h30**

### **Data Privacy and Airline Operations – An Evolving Legal Relationship**

How is the treaty-backed regulatory framework for international air transport accommodated by legislators and policymakers in introducing or updating their privacy and data protection laws? This session will examine the complex interaction between today's growing body of increasingly divergent national privacy laws and the specific regulatory and operational characteristics of airline operations, which by very definition involve the movement of both people and their personal data across national borders. How are governments, industry and policymakers approaching the tensions of this interaction and what types of cooperation and key changes ought to be considered at the global level?

**Moderated by Jeremy Moreton, Head of Legal, IAG**

- **Daniel Nazar, Director & Senior Attorney - Data Privacy, American Airlines**
- **Kirsten Thompson, Partner, National Practice Group Lead, Privacy and Cybersecurity, Dentons Canada LLP**
- **Paula Barrett, Partner and Co-lead of Global Privacy & Cybersecurity, Eversheds Sutherland**
- **Shahreyar Nawabi, Senior Vice President, General Counsel Emirates & Group Data Privacy Officer, Emirates**

**12h30 – 14h00**

**NETWORKING LUNCH** Sponsored by: **HAYNES BOONE**

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14h00 – 15h30

**Track 1: Consumer Protection** Sponsored by: 

The post-pandemic period has seen an uptick of policy and legislative activity for airline-specific consumer regulations. Many frameworks either emulate or aim to better EU Regulation 261/2004, still considered by policymakers as the go-to template after twenty years. In 2024, what legal and international framework constraints do governments have when designing their consumer regimes, and how do regulators weigh trade-offs in response to popular demands for more tangible rights and entitlements? What role have courts taken in defining issues of scope and entitlements and how does this differ by jurisdiction? With significant changes ahead in many markets, this panel will offer a timely comparative analysis traversing both policy and practice in this complex and evolving area for airline businesses and their legal advisers.

**Moderated by Martine De Serres, Assistant General Counsel, Customer Regulatory & Resolution, Air Canada**

- **Andrew Harakas, Partner, Clyde & Co**
- **Cedric Newcombe, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Emirates**
- **Michael Dery, Partner, Aviation Practice Group Leader, Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP**
- **Shereena Rai, Senior Regulatory & Litigation Lawyer, British Airways**

### **Track 2: Economic Sanctions**

It is almost two years to the day since the most recent military invasion of Ukraine, an act that triggered a significant expansion of economic sanctions against the Russian Federation. Our panel of seasoned legal experts will outline these expanded measures and the various economic sanctions and export control on regimes of particular relevance to the aviation and airline community. The panel will also look at legislative and judicial developments on ownership and control as applied to sanctioned entities, evaluate recent enforcement trends, and offer their predictions for what to expect in 2024.

**Moderated by Rachel Nazarin, Assistant Director Legal Services, IATA**

- **Jack Shane, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP**
- **John W. Boscariol, Partner, McCarthy Tétrault LLP**
- **Zia Ullah, Partner, Eversheds Sutherland**

15h30 – 16h00

**AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK** Sponsored by:



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**Grand Debate**

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The Symposium will close, in style, with a grand debate on a matter of controversy in aviation law. Spirited argument will be had between an affirmative and negative team, subject of course to strict rules of procedure. You, through a poll, will decide who wins the day!

**Adjudicated by Auguste Hocking, Director Legal Services, IATA**

- **Alejandro Piera, Partner, GHP Abogados**
- **Anita M. Mosner, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP**
- **Charlotte Thijssen, Head of Consumer and Legal Affairs, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines**
- **Louise-Hélène Sénécal, Vice-President & General Counsel-Litigation, Air Canada**
- **Pierre Frühling, Partner, HFW**
- **Roy Goldberg, Partner, Stinson LLP**

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