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58th Annual **SMU Air Law Symposium**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 –
FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

SMU Dedman School of Law

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 – Sompo 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 flight 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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Call 1-888-444-OMNI (6664) or (972) 556-0800 for room reservations.

You may also go online at the SMU Air Law Symposium webpage reservation link, <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/dallas-las-colinas/meetings/smu-air-law-symposium-03162024>.

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Please note: The special room rates are limited and are not available if you book your reservation through a travel agent.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION: Contact the **SMU Air Law Symposium**, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, P.O. Box 750116, Dallas, Texas 75275-0116; call (214) 768-2570, e-mail jalcals@mail.smu.edu, or visit the website at <https://sites.smu.edu/apps/events/air-law/>

LOCATION: The 58th Annual SMU Air Law Symposium will be held both in-person and virtually! The in-person event will be held at the Omni Las Colinas, 221 East Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039. Virtual attendees will receive a dedicated link to the conference shortly before the symposium. There will be separate links for each day of the conference that will be sent to the email you use to register. A block of hotel rooms at symposium special rates have been arranged at the Omni Las Colinas and may be reserved at registration or using this link <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/dallas-las-colinas/meetings/smu-air-law-symposium-03162024>. The rooms at special rates are only available until 5:00 p.m. C.S.T. on **February 27, 2024** or until all the rooms are booked. NO TRAVEL AGENTS PLEASE.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Discounted rental car rates are available through Avis Car Rental and Budget Rent a Car. The Avis Worldwide Discount Number assigned to the SMU Air Law Symposium is D105540. To receive discounted car rental rates, you may book online as usual at Avis using this link <https://www.avis.com/content/dam/avis/na/us/common/bridge/meetings/conventions.html?AWD=D105540&NAME=SMU+Air+Law+Symposium&FDATE=03202024&TDATE=03222024&LOCATION2=&LOCATION1=Dallas/Irving,+TX&ARCIATA=&EVENT=0&AA=0> and the discount code will be automatically placed in the reservation detail or reach Avis directly at 1 (800) 331-1600. The Budget Customer Discount Number assigned to the SMU Air Law Symposium is B197864. To receive discounted car rental rates, you may book online as usual at Budget using this link <https://www.budget.com/content/dam/budget/na/us/common/bridge/meetings/conventions.html?BCD=B197864&NAME=SMU+Air+Law+Symposium&FDATE=03202024&TDATE=03222024&LOCATION2=&LOCATION1=Dallas/Irving,+TX&IN=&EVENT=0> and the discount code will be automatically placed in the reservation detail or reach Budget directly at 1 (800) 842-5628.

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All registration fees include the cost of all sessions of the Symposium, one set of Symposium materials, and a one-year subscription to the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*.

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