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57th Annual
**SMU Air Law
Symposium**

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 –
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

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2023 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

57TH ANNUAL AIR LAW SYMPOSIUM
Omni Las Colinas, 221 East Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

6:00 P.M. – Early Check-in & Late Registration
9:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

7:30 A.M. Continental Breakfast

7:30 A.M. – Check-in & Late Registration
5:00 P.M.

MORNING SESSION

Garrett L. Pendleton, Presiding

8:15 A.M. **Ladd Sanger**
Welcoming Remarks

8:30 A.M. Panel: **Current Aviation Insurance Claims Issues**
Moderator: **Garrett L. Pendleton** – Starr Adjustment Services, Inc.
Panelists: **Patricia Moores** – Aon
Mike Peterson – WTW (Willis Towers Watson)
Rachel Priestler – Global Aerospace, Inc.
Thomas J. Vargo, Esq. – XL Specialty Insurance Company

9:30 A.M. **David Gerger**
Gerger Hennessy & Martin LLP – **ETHICS: I guess I lied**

10:00 A.M. **John M. Dubreuil**
Daigle Fisse & Kessenich, PLC – **Where Ya't & Whatcha' Doin' The Importance of Situs and Purpose in Offshore Aviation Accidents**

10:30 A.M. Morning Break

Bill O'Connor, Presiding

10:45 A.M. **Robert M. McDowell** and **Henry Wendel**
Cooley LLP – **Tales from the FCC: Recent Radio Spectrum Disputes and their Effect on Aviation**

11:15 A.M. **David T. Norton** and **K. Greg J. Reigel**
Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP – **Aircraft Leasing – How to Comply with the Regulations and What Happens When You Don't**

11:45 A.M. Luncheon

12:30 P.M. Luncheon speaker – **Marc Nichols**
FAA, Chief Counsel – **Icarus's Redemption?**

AFTERNOON SESSION

Garrett L. Pendleton, Presiding

1:15 P.M. **Katherine A. Staton**
Jackson Walker LLP – **Hot Topics and Current Issues Related to Aircraft Ownership and Cost Sharing**

1:45 P.M. Panel: **General Counsel**
Moderator: **Todd Worthe** – Worthe Hanson & Worthe, A Law Corporation
Panelists: **Armando Carlo** – The Boeing Company
Joshua Gang – Piper Aircraft, Inc.
Elizabeth Lopez, Esq. – United Airlines, Inc.
James V. Marks – Dassault Falcon Jet Corp.

2:45 P.M. Afternoon Break

Ladd Sanger, Presiding

3:00 P.M. **Kathy A. Yodice, Esq.**
Law Offices of Yodice Associates – **FAA Enforcement – the Old, the New and Practice Tips for the Future**

3:30 P.M. Panel: **ETHICS: Mediating the Aviation Case: Navigating Advocacy and Ethics**
Moderators: **Michael C. Siboni, Esq.** – Siboni Law Group
Frederick "Rick" Alimonti – Alimonti Law Offices, P.C.
and Alimonti Mediation Services

Panelists: **Erin R. Applebaum, Esq.** – Kreindler & Kreindler LLP
Christopher J. Jahr, Esq. – Wicker, Smith, O’Hara, McCoy & Ford, P.A.
Michael Page, Esq. – Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Company

4:30 P.M. **Gary C. Robb**
Robb & Robb LLC – *Creative Cross Examination of the Aviation Expert*

5:00 P.M. **Ladd Sanger**
Closing Remarks

5:05 P.M. Reception

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

8:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast

8:00 A.M. – Check-in & Late Registration

3:00 P.M.

MORNING SESSION

Ladd Sanger, Presiding

8:45 A.M. **Brittany C. Wakim**
Victor Rane – *Recent Developments in Aviation Law*

9:45 A.M. **Jeff Klang**
FAA, Asst. Chief Counsel, Intl. and Security Law – *TBA*

10:15 A.M. **James T. Anderson, III**
Krutch Lindell Bingham Jones, PS – *Making Complicated Things Simple is Still Complicated: Effective Use of Technology Outside of the Courtroom*

10:45 A.M. Morning Break

Bill O’Connor, Presiding

11:00 A.M. **Kevin P. Durkin**
Clifford Law Offices – *Update on Boeing 737 Max litigation*

11:45 A.M. Luncheon

Presentation of the 20th Annual International Aviation Womens Association Scholarship and other scholarship presentations

12:30 P.M. Luncheon Speaker - **Douglas Coleman**
Reliable Robotics Corporation – *Automated Aircraft Coming Soon to an Airport Near You*

AFTERNOON SESSION

Debra Fowler, Presiding

1:15 P.M. **Ray P. Johnson**
Raymond Paul Johnson, A Law Corporation
Autonomous Aircraft: The Future, Now?

1:45 P.M. Panel: *Perspectives from the Office of the General Counsel (USDOT) and Office of the Chief Counsel (FAA) – a fireside chat with John Putnam and Marc Nichols*

Moderator: **William V. O’Connor** – Cooley LLP

Panelists: **Marc Nichols** – FAA, Chief Counsel

John E. Putnam – U.S. Dept. of Transportation, General Counsel

2:30 P.M. **B. Patrick Honnebier**
Rep Law – *The Capetown Convention Offers Registered International Interests Providing Maximal Security to American Lessees of Aircraft*

3:30 P.M. Afternoon Break

Pam Hicks, Presiding

3:45 P.M. **Barry F. Benson**
U.S. Department of Justice – *Give me a Vector to the Courthouse. Air Traffic Control Litigation Trends*

4:15 P.M. **Vincent C. Lesch**
Kreindler & Kreindler, LLP – *ETHICS: Ethics in Commercial Aviation Litigation Settlements*

5:00 P.M. **Ladd Sanger**
Closing Remarks

5:05 P.M. Closing Reception

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