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Omni Las Colinas, 221 East Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039

**2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**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. – Check-in & Late Registration

5:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

**MORNING SESSION**

**Ladd Sanger, Presiding**

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

8:30 a.m. **Catherine Slavin**  
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 21<sup>st</sup> Annual International Aviation Womens Association  
Scholarship by **Kaitlyn Graham**, American Airlines

Texas Bar Foundation – **Geffrey Anderson**  
Anderson & Riddle, LLP

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 LLP  
Panelists: **Cody Carroll** – GE Aerospace, US  
**Dawud Crooms** – Atlantic Aviation  
**Maren Matal** – Southwest Airlines

2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break

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

**Pam Hicks, Presiding**

3:30 p.m. **David Knapp**  
Clyde & Co LLP – *Aviation Preemption—One Law to Rule Them All*

4:00 p.m. **Joe Cox**  
Duane Morris LLP – *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 Commercial

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**  
**Robert Kelly**  
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 – *Shield and Shackle: NTSB Information Release Regulations An Overview of Options for Civil Discovery*

11:45 a.m. Luncheon

12:30 p.m. Luncheon speaker – **Mark C. 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**  
Spohrer Dodd Trial Attorneys – *Montreal: What is a “territory” and why does it matter?*
- 1:45 p.m.    **Jonathan M. Hoffman**  
M|B 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.    Farewell Reception