

EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION

2nd MUNICH LIABILITY SEMINAR

Liability and claims handling
in the airline and
aircraft finance industries

**Munich, Monday 7 June 1999
Kempinski Hotel - Airport Munich**

Liability and claims handling are the focus of the 2nd MUNICH LIABILITY SEMINAR of the EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA). The delegates will benefit from the legal, tactical and practical experience (including under the new liability rules developed by the EU, IATA and others) of a panel of prestigious air law practitioners. One panel will deal with the solutions the aircraft finance industry has developed for the liability exposure of lessors. Computer generated reconstructions of aviation accidents and their use in liability litigation in Europe will be discussed by another distinguished panel. And the closing panel will be one of very influential insurance industry and airline representatives providing a global view of claims handling activities in high-profile cases. The presentation of Dr. Weber, the Director of the Legal Bureau of ICAO, is bound to be a highlight of the seminar, as he will present the results of the ICAO Diplomatic Conference and discuss the new Warsaw instrument just one week after the end of the Diplomatic Conference. Aviation lawyers, those working in the airline, insurance, aircraft finance and aerospace industries and government officials will all be interested in this comprehensive programme.

The one-day format of the very successful inaugural 1997 LIABILITY SEMINAR has been retained in order to allow the delegates to travel to and from Munich the same day from many places in Europe. The venue is again the fabulous Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich, a few steps away from the gates of the Munich Airport, a young and extremely dynamic airport. Delegates are cordially invited to attend the Conference Dinner on Sunday evening, 6 June 1999 (not included in the registration fee).

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Programme

Sunday, 6 June 1999

Conference Dinner

19:15 **Drinks**

20:00 **Dinner**
Dinner speech: *Nicolai von Ruckteschell* (General Counsel, Lufthansa, Frankfurt)

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Liability Seminar

09:00 - 10:00 **Registration, Coffee**

10:00 - 10:15 **Welcome Address:** *Professor P.D. Dagtoglou* (President of the European Air Law Association, London)

Introduction: *Dr. P. Nikolai Ehlers* (Ehlers, Ehlers & Partner, Munich - Berlin - Frankfurt)

10:15 - 11:05 **Tricks of the Trade, Practitioners Share Their Secrets of Success**
Chairman: *Robert S. Webb QC* (General Counsel, British Airways, London)
Panellists: *Dr. Regula Dettling-Ott* (Schiller, Denzler, Dubs, Winterthur)
 Randal R. Craft, Jr. (Haight, Gardner, Holland & Knight, New York)
 Sean Gates (Beaumont and Son, London)
 Tony Pyne (Minter Ellison, Melbourne)
 Willem van Baren (Loeff Claeys Verbeke, Amsterdam)

11:05 - 11:20 **Discussion**

- 11:20 - 11:40 **Coffee**
- 11:40 - 12:10 **Mini Panel: Lessors' Liability Exposure**
 Chairman: *Randal R. Craft, Jr.* (Haight, Gardner, Holland & Knight, New York)
 Panellists: *Martin O'Brien* (Senior Vice President - Insurance, GE Capital
 Aviation Services, Shannon)
Rochus Mönter (Corporate Counsel, Bavaria International Aircraft
 Leasing, Munich)
- 12:10 - 12:20 **Discussion**
- 12:30 - 14:05 **Lunch**
- 14:10 - 14:45 **Mini Panel: Computer Generated Reconstruction of Aviation Accidents and
 its Use in Liability Litigation in Europe**
 Chairman: *Bruno Bertucci* (Generali, Trieste-London)
 Video Demonstration
 Panellists: *Steven Roberts* (Physical Scientist, Accident Investigation &
 Research Inc., Ottawa)
Dr. Donald Reichenbach (Reichenbach & Partners, Zurich)
- 14:45 - 14:55 **Discussion**
- 14:55 - 15:15 **Tea**
- 15:15 - 15:40 **Report on the ICAO Diplomatic Conference on the New Warsaw Instrument**
Dr. Ludwig Weber (Director, Legal Bureau, ICAO, Montreal)
 Comments: *Ian Awford* (Barlow, Lyde & Gilbert, London)
- 15:40 - 15:55 Discussion
 Moderator: *Sébastien Saillard* (Directeur Juridique, Assurance France
 Aviation, Paris)
- 16:00 - 16:45 **Current Claims Handling Activities around the World**
 Chairman: *Hans E. Westerstad* (Director, Risk Management Control &
 Corporate Insurance, SAS, Stockholm)
 Panellists: London: *John Larkins* (Senior Claims Adjuster Aviation, ACE
 Global Markets)
 Japan: *Nobuo Takeshima* (Director, Legal Affairs, Japan Airlines)
 USA: *Kevin P. Hilliard* (Executive Vice President, Director of
 Claims, Associated Aviation Underwriters, Short Hills, N.J.)
- 16:45 - 17:00 **Discussion**
- 17:00 - 17:10 **Closing remarks: *Prof. Dagtoglou* and *Dr. Ehlers***
- 17:10 - 18:30 **Cocktails**

CONFERENCE VENUE

Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich, Terminalstrasse/Mitte 20, 85356 Munich, Germany
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REGISTRATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

The closing date for registrations is 21 May 1999, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later registrations. Acceptance of registrations is conditional upon availability of space.

Registrations may be made by completing the enclosed form and sending it to the:

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No registrations will be accepted without payment. Upon payment we will send you a registration confirmation.

REGISTRATION FEE

Seminar (including lunch, coffee and tea breaks, cocktail reception):
500 Deutsche marks for members (as of 21 May 1999)
600 Deutsche marks for non-members

Please note that the reduced registration fee for members is available only to those who have become paid-up members for 1999 by 21 May 1999.

Payment may be made, please, in any of the following ways (in order of preference)

- Direct transfer to the following bank account, identifying the name of the attendee:
 - Bank: Deutsche Bank AG, Promenadeplatz 15, D-80333 Munich, Germany
 - Account no.: 166 2709 (sort code: 700 700 10)
 - Holder of account: Dr. P. Nikolai Ehlers (re: European Air Law Association)

In case of bank transfer, please make sure that the banking fees charged by both the bank in your country and by the bank in Germany will be borne by you.

- Cheque for Deutsche marks drawn on a German bank
- Eurocheque for Deutsche marks.

CONFERENCE DINNER

All delegates are invited to attend the Conference Dinner. It will take place on Sunday, 6 June 1999. Drinks will be served at 19:15 and dinner at 20:00 in the "Spirit of St. Louis" Restaurant of the Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich. 170 Deutsche marks will be charged per person for the Conference Dinner (including drinks).

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms has been reserved at the Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich (address and communication details see at "Conference Venue") at a reduced rate of 288 Deutsche marks for the night 6/7 June 1999 (single or double occupancy, including breakfast) and 254 Deutsche marks (single occupancy) / 289 Deutsche marks (double occupancy) for the night 7/8 June 1999 (not including breakfast). Bookings have to be made directly with the hotel and reference should be made to the European Air Law Association (EALA). Early booking is recommended.

ADDITIONAL STAY IN DOWNTOWN MUNICH

For those that are interested in a weekend visit of Munich before the seminar we have made a block reservation of rooms in the sister property of the conference venue, the Kempinski Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten in downtown Munich. The rates (not including breakfast) are 430 Deutsche marks (single occupancy) / 510 Deutsche marks (double occupancy) for a standard room and 630 Deutsche marks (single occupancy) / 710 Deutsche marks (double occupancy) for a deluxe room. To avail yourself of these rates you should contact: Kempinski Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, Maximilianstrasse 17, 80539 Munich, Germany, Phone: +49/89/ 21 25-0, Fax: +49/89/21 25 2000, e-mail: reservation.muc1@kempinski.com

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CANCELLATION / CHANGES

Cancellations can be accepted up to 21 May 1999, subject to a deduction of 150 Deutsche marks to cover administration and overheads. Cancellations should be notified to EALA at the address given above (fax: +49/89/2109 6999). No refunds will be given for any cancellation received after 21 May 1999. The name of the delegate may be changed at any time before commencement of the Seminar at no extra charge.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

The language of the Seminar will be English. While every effort will be made to maintain the programme as described, the Association reserves the right to alter the content or the speakers without advance notice.