

**EUROPEAN AIR LAW  
ASSOCIATION**

**6<sup>TH</sup> MUNICH  
LIABILITY SEMINAR**

**LIABILITY, INSURANCE AND CLAIMS HANDLING  
IN THE AIRLINE, AEROSPACE AND AIRPORT INDUSTRIES**

**MUNICH  
FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2007  
KEMPINSKI HOTEL - AIRPORT MUNICH**

# 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MUNICH LIABILITY SEMINAR OF THE EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA)

Ever since the series of MUNICH LIABILITY SEMINARS was started by the EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA) in 1997 liability developments, insurance issues and claims handling in the airline, airport and aerospace industries were the focus of these conferences, presented and discussed by leading experts and prominent moderators.

- In light of this anniversary the opening panel will examine liability issues affecting civil aviation from very different points of view. Each member of this panel is well-known in the aviation world and its moderator is a legend.
- The second panel will deal with recent developments in the area of aerospace product liability, and particularly product liability actions against European defendants in U.S. courts. The role of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in this context will be discussed, too.
- The EU Regulations concerning the rights of disabled passengers and the compensation of passengers in cases of denied boarding, long delays and cancellations will be presented by speakers intimately familiar with these topics.
- The closing panel will provide a global view of claims handling activities in high-profile cases. Jurisdictional issues, air carrier liability, groundhandling issues will be among the topics discussed by this panel.

We invite all aviation lawyers, airline, insurance industry, aerospace and airport representatives as well as government officials to join us for this comprehensive programme.

The one-day format and the timing of the very successful first four LIABILITY SEMINARS have been retained in order to allow the delegates to travel to and from Munich the same day from most places in Europe. The venue is as always the fabulous Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich, a few steps away from the gates of Munich Airport, a young and extremely dynamic airport with very high rankings in international airport surveys. You are cordially invited to attend the Conference Dinner on Thursday evening, 20 September 2007 (not included in the registration fee). The dinner speech will be given by Mr. Gerald C. Sterns, an internationally recognized plaintiffs' lawyer from California.

EALA is grateful to Munich Airport for again contributing generously towards the costs of the seminar.



## PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2007

### CONFERENCE DINNER

19:15      **Cocktail reception**

20:00      **Dinner**

**Dinner Speaker:** *Gerald C. Sterns*, San Francisco

## LIABILITY SEMINAR

- 10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome Address:** *Professor P. D. Dagtoglou*, President of EALA  
**Introduction:** *Dr. P. Nikolai Ehlers*, Ehlers, Ehlers & Partner, Munich - Berlin
- 10:15 – 11:20 **10 Year Anniversary Panel – Topical Liability Issues Affecting Civil Aviation**  
**Moderator:** *George N. Tompkins, Jr.*, Of Counsel, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelmann & Dicker, New York  
**Panellists:** International liability conventions – Where do we go from here?  
*Robert Donald*, Vice-President and General Counsel, DSC Aviation Inc. and former General Counsel of IATA, Montreal  
The view of a leading U.S. plaintiffs' lawyer:  
*Gerald C. Sterns*, Partner, Sterns and Walker, San Francisco  
Security and liability issues currently faced by the airport industry:  
*Thomas Ross*, Senior VP, Legal Affairs and Security, Munich Airport.
- 11:20 – 11:30 **Discussion**
- 11:30 – 11:50 **Coffee/tea**
- 11:50 – 12:35 **Aerospace Panel – Products Liability Developments**  
**Moderator:** *Nicholas M. L. Hughes*, Partner, Barlow Lyde & Gilbert, London  
**Panellists:** Defending products liability cases in the U.S.: *Thad Dameris*, Partner, Hogan & Hartson, Houston.  
EASA and its role with respect to products liability disputes: *Fredrik Kämpfe*, Legal Adviser, EASA, Cologne.
- 12:35 – 12:45 **Discussion**
- 12:50 – 14:20 **Lunch**
- 14:25 – 14:50 **Passengers with Reduced Mobility – Regulation (EC) No 1107/2006**  
**Speaker:** *Mia Wouters*, Partner, Lafili, van Crombrughe & Partner, Brussels.
- 14:50 – 15:15 **Passenger Compensation – Status and Future under Regulation (EC) No 261/2004**  
**Speaker:** *Peter Faross*, Head of Unit, EU Commission, DG Tren, Services of General Economic Interest & Users' Rights, Brussels
- 15:15 – 15:35 **Coffee/tea**
- 15:35 – 16:50 **Claims Handling Developments around the World**  
**Moderator:** *Philip Chrystal*, Director, Head of Aviation and Space Claims and Liability Management, Swiss Re, Zurich.  
**Panellists:** Europe: *Pierre Frühling*, Partner, Field Fisher Waterhouse, Brussels  
USA: *Kenneth P. Quinn*, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, Washington (tbc).  
Middle East: *Senarath Liyanage*, Assistant Vice President, Legal Affairs & General Counsel, Etihad Airways, Abu Dhabi (tbc).  
Asia: *Shunichi Yamazaki*, Deputy Manager, Marine Hull & Aerospace Group, Tokio Marine and Nichido Fire Insurance Co., Tokyo.
- 16:50 – 17:00 **Discussion**
- 17:00 – 17:10 **Closing remarks:** *Professor P. D. Dagtoglou* and *Dr. P. Nikolai Ehlers*.
- 17:10 – 18:30 **Cocktail Reception**

## CONFERENCE VENUE

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## REGISTRATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

The closing date for registrations is 1 September 2007, although the organisers may, at their discretion, accept later reservations. Acceptance of registrations is conditional upon availability of space.

Registrations may be made by completing the enclosed form and sending it to the:  
European Air Law Association  
c/o Dr. P. Nikolai Ehlers  
Ehlers, Ehlers & Partner  
Widenmayerstrasse 29  
80538 Munich, Germany  
Phone: +49/89/2109 690  
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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):

EUR 590 for members (as of 1 September 2007)

EUR 690 for non-members

Please note that the reduced registration fee for members is available only to those who have become paid-up members or whose companies/organisations have become paid-up corporate members for 2007 by 1 September 2007.

Payment may be made, please, in either 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 24), IBAN: DE97 7007 0024 0166 2709 00

SWIFT code: DEUTDE33HAN30

Holder of account: Dr. P. Nikolai Ehlers (re: European Air Law Association)

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

- Cheque drawn on a German bank.

## CONFERENCE DINNER

All delegates are invited to attend the Conference Dinner. It will take place on Thursday, 20 September 2007. Drinks will be served at 19:15 and dinner at 20:00 in the Atrium and the restaurant "Safran" of the Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich. EUR 115 will be charged per person for the Conference Dinner (including drinks).

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms for the nights 20/21 and 21/22 September 2007 have been reserved at the Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich (address and communication details see above at "Conference Venue") at a reduced rate of EUR 285 per night (single or double occupancy, including breakfast). Bookings should be made directly with the hotel (via phone, fax, e-mail or internet) and reference should be made to: EHLE070921. The deadline for this offer is 1 September 2007, but booking as early as possible is highly recommended.

## CANCELLATION / CHANGES

Cancellations can be accepted up to 10 September 2007, subject to deduction of EUR 80 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 10 September 2007. 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 names of the speakers without advance notice.

## LAW SOCIETY

The conference has been approved by the Law Society of England and Wales for the purposes of Continuous Professional Development credits under reference BXK/EALA.