



EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



7th MUNICH LIABILITY SEMINAR

Liability and claims handling
in the air transport and aerospace industries

Monday, 18 January 2010
Kempinski Hotel - Airport Munich

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

The 7th Munich Liability Seminar will cover a wide range of topical issues:

- The opening panel will provide an update on current EU developments, such as recent case law regarding Regulation (EC) 261/2004 on denied boarding, long delays and cancellations of flights (particularly the very controversial decision of the EC Court of Justice of 19 November 2009 granting compensation in cases of delay and defining 'extraordinary circumstances'), EASA's regulatory system and its impact on liability disputes and the agenda of the EU Commission with respect to lost luggage and a passenger compensation fund for airline bankruptcies. The proposal to revise the liability limits under the 1999 Montreal Convention will be addressed, too.
- The second panel will discuss the new Unlawful Interference Compensation Convention, the controversial instrument adopted at the Diplomatic Conference convened by ICAO in spring 2009.
- In the third panel recent developments in the fields of product liability and cargo carrier liability will be presented by experts confronted with these issues on a daily basis as in-house counsel of a helicopter manufacturer and of an airfreight carrier.
- The panel with the title 'Country focus: Turkey and the United Arab Emirates' will pay special attention to the problems encountered by carriers from these countries when flying to Europe as well as providing insight into special liability issues in these countries.

- The closing panel will be a mock mediation. This dynamic session is a simulated mediation of wrongful death claims arising from a mass air disaster involving a scheduled commercial jet aircraft. The first part of the mock mediation will explore issues of liability and proportionate fault. The second part will focus on various damages issues. The fact pattern will be sent to the delegates prior to the seminar.

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

The one-day format and the timing of the very successful first six 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 award winning Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich, a few steps away from the gates of Munich Airport, a young and dynamic airport with very high rankings in international airport surveys.

You are cordially invited to attend the Conference Dinner on Sunday evening, 17 January 2010 (not included in the registration fee). The dinner speech will be given by Mr. Lorne Clark, a former Canadian Ambassador, who was IATA VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary 1994-2002. Mr. Clark was intimately involved in modernising the Warsaw System and negotiating the 2001 Cape Town Convention on aircraft financing/leasing. In December 2009 Mr. Clark will be head of a delegation to the U.N Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen.

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



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PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 17 JANUARY 2010

CONFERENCE DINNER

19:15

Cocktail Reception

20:00

Dinner

Dinner Speaker:

Ambassador Lorne S. Clark, Beaumont & Son - Aviation at Clyde & Co, London

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 18 JANUARY 2010

LIABILITY SEMINAR

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration** Coffee, tea

10:00 – 10:10 **Welcome Address:** Prof. Pablo Mendes de Leon, Leiden University, President of EALA

Introduction: Dr. P. Nikolai Ehlers, Ehlers Ehlers & Partner, Munich - Berlin

10:10 – 11:15 **EU Update**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Alexander von Ziegler, Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich

Panellists: Regulation (EC) 261/2004 on denied boarding, long delays and cancellations of flights:
Prof. Dr. Wolf Müller-Rostin, Ehlers Ehlers & Partner,
and former General Counsel, DELVAG Aviation Insurance

The possible impact of the evolving EASA regulatory system on present and future liability disputes:
Fredrik Kämpfe, Deputy-Chief Legal Adviser, EASA, Cologne

The agenda of the EU Commission regarding the lost luggage problem:

Salvatore D'Acunto, Head of unit, Services of general economic interest, passengers' rights and infringements (TREN -A-3), EU Commission, Brussels

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee, tea**

11:30 – 12:10 **The 2009 Unlawful Interference Compensation Convention ('Terrorist Convention')**

Moderator: Prof. Pablo Mendes de Leon, Leiden University

Panellists: Henrik Kjellin, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Stockholm, and Chairman of the Legal Committee, ICAO
Michael Gill, Senior Legal Counsel, IATA, Geneva

12:10 – 12:45 **Product Liability and Airfreight Carrier Liability – Recent Developments**

Moderator: Jean-Michel Fobe, Putzeys Shawn Coulson Alliance, Brussels

Panellists: Stéphanie Rostren, Senior Legal Counsel, Eurocopter, Donauwörth
Eva Kurek, Head of Legal Services, Lufthansa Cargo, Frankfurt

12:50 – 14:05 **Lunch**

14:10 – 15:00 **Country Focus: Turkey and the United Arab Emirates**

Moderator: Nicholas M.L. Hughes, Barlow Lyde & Gilbert, London

Panellists: Yasar Ozturk, Ozturk & Partners, Istanbul
Etihad Airways Representative (tbc), Abu Dhabi

15:00 – 15:20 **Coffee, tea**

15:20 – 16:50 **Mock (simulated) Mediation of Complex Aviation Accident**

Moderator: Alan D. Reitzfeld, Holland & Knight, New York

Panellists: James B. Chaplin, Mediation, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale
Ben Martin, Norton White, Sydney
Neil R. McGilchrist, Gates and Partners, London
James P. Kreindler, Kreindler & Kreindler, New York

16:50 – 17:00 **Closing Remarks:** Prof. Mendes de Leon and Dr. Ehlers

17:00 – 18:30 **Cocktail Reception**

CONFERENCE VENUE

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REGISTRATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

The closing date for registrations is 8 January 2010, 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:
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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 December 2009).
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 2009 by 1 December 2009.

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
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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 Sunday, 17 January 2010. Drinks will be served at 19:15 in the Atrium and dinner at 20:00 in the restaurant of the Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich. EUR 120 will be charged per person for the Conference Dinner (including drinks).

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms for the nights 17/18 and 18/19 January 2010 have been reserved at the Kempinski Hotel Airport Munich (address and communication details see above at "Conference Venue") at a reduced rate of EUR 175 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 "EALA". The deadline for this offer is 8 January 2010, but booking as early as possible is highly recommended.

CANCELLATION / CHANGES

Cancellations can be accepted up to 12 January 2010, 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 12 January 2010. 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.

CPD CREDITS

The Association has been authorised by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the independent regulatory authority of the Law Society of England and Wales, to accredit courses for the purposes of the Authority's Continuous Professional Development Scheme, under reference BXK/EALA.

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