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59th Annual SMU Air Law Symposium
April 1-2, 2025

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Early Check-in & Late Registration

6:00 pm Welcome Reception

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

7:30 am Continental Breakfast

MORNING SESSION

Ladd Sanger, Presiding

8:15 am **Ladd Sanger**
Welcoming Remarks

8:30 am **David A. Frank, II / Nicole T. Melvani**
Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP – *Recent Developments in Aviation Law*

9:30 am **TBD**
Topic: TBA

10:00 am **Jim Kiser**
Anderson & Riddle, LLP – *Tackling Touhy after Loper Bright: What's the Deference?*

10:30 am Morning Break



Bill O'Connor, Presiding

- 10:45 am **Andrew C. Johnson**
Condon & Forsyth LLP – *Spoiling for A Fight: A Survey of
Wreckage Preservation Obligations and Remedies*
- 11:45 am Luncheon

Presentation of the 22nd Annual
International Aviation Womens
Association Scholarship

Raffle sponsored by ESi
- 12:15 pm Luncheon Speaker – **TBD**
Topic: TBA

AFTERNOON SESSION

Pam Hicks, Presiding

- 1:15 pm **Mark Tomicich**
Topic: TBA
- 2:00 pm **Andrew C. Robb**
Robb & Robb LLC – *Aviation Trials From The Plaintiff's
Perspective*
- 2: 30 pm Afternoon Break

Debra Fowler, Presiding

- 2:45 pm **Jamie Thornback**
CFM Injury Lawyers – *The Shootdown of PS752: Carrier
Liability for Overflight Risks*
- 3:30 pm **William “Sham” Highsmith**
Habersham Aviation Consulting LLC – *Illegal Charters: Don't
Kill the Messenger*
- 4:00 pm **Steve Rosen**
Rosen & Schneider, LLC – **ETHICS Topic: TBA**
- 5:00 pm **Debra Fowler**
Closing Remarks
- 5:05 pm Evening Reception



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

7:30 am Continental Breakfast

MORNING SESSION

Garrett Pendleton, Presiding

- 8:15 am **Roy Goldberg**
Clark Hill PLC – *The Siege of SEATAC: Contingency Lawyer Efforts to Shut Down or Severely Restrict Airports and the Airline Industry (and What to Do About It)*
- 8:45 am Panel: *Current Aviation Insurance Claims Issue*
Moderator: **Laura McGinn, Esq.** – Starr Adjustment Services, Inc.
Panelists: **Matthew Gray** – Old Republic Aerospace
Courtney Newsom – Sompco
Emily Pullano – Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty
Emmet Schwartzman – Great American Insurance Group
- 9:45 am Morning Break

Pam Hicks, Presiding

- 10:00 am **David A. Walton**
Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP – *Topic: TBA*
- 10:30 am **Bryon A. Rice**
Hicks Davis Wynn, P.C. – *Agricultural Aviation: A Brief Look at the Field*
- 11:00 am **Steven Kirsch / Steven Jarreau**
U.S. Department of Justice – *Forty Years and Counting: The Enduring Legacy of Varig Airlines in Protecting the Government's Role in Regulating Aviation*
- 11:30 am Luncheon
- 12:15 pm Luncheon speaker **Alex Wilcox**
JSX – *Topic: TBA*

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Bill O'Connor, Presiding

- 1:15 pm **Jonathan Elifson**
Fisher & Phillips LLP – *“What Aviation Lawyers Need to Know
about Collective Bargaining”*
- 1:45 pm **Kevin R. Boyle**
Boyle Law PC – *“Strategies on dealing with Statute of
Limitations when NTSB has not released wreckage”*
- 2:15 pm Afternoon Break

Ladd Sanger, Presiding

- 2:30 pm **Shauna Wright**
Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP – *Topic: TBA*
- 3:00 pm Panel: *General Counsel*
Moderator: *TBD*
Panelists: **Alison Kendrick** – Boeing
- 4:00 pm **T.J. Keevins**
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP – *ETHICS Topic: TBA*
- 5:00 pm **Ladd Sanger**
Closing Remarks

