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

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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 – *Topic: TBA*
- 11:45 am            Luncheon  
Presentation of the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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            **TBD**  
*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 – *Topic: TBA*
- 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 – *Topic: TBA*

8:45 am Panel: ***Current Aviation Insurance Claims Issue***  
Moderator: **Laura McGinn** – Starr Adjustment Services, Inc.  
Panelist: **Emmett Schwartzmann** – Great American

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. – *Topic: TBA*

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

