

WALA 2018 Speakers



Ceyda Akbal is General Counsel for TAV Airports Holding based in Istanbul. She joined TAV in February 2009 as Legal Counsel and was appointed as General Counsel in April 2012. After finishing Galatasaray High School, Ceyda Akbal graduated from Galatasaray University Faculty of Law in 1999. Ms. Akbal did her master's degree both in Private Law at Galatasaray University and Economic Law at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University and also conducted a PhD thesis at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. Akbal started her career in 2000 and worked in Competition Law and International Corporate Law at various international law offices in Paris and Istanbul, providing legal services to the leading companies of Turkey in the pharmaceutical, air and sea transport, telecommunication and cement industries.



Elizabeth Albergoni is an Investment Director in the Asset Management team with responsibility for the performance of a number of the investments Morrison & Co manages on behalf of its clients. She joined Morrison & Co from Sydney Airport where she held a senior legal position since 2009. Elizabeth was responsible for providing strategic and legal services to management and the board across all aspects of Sydney Airport's business and its relationships with aviation stakeholders, regulators and government. Prior to joining Sydney Airport Elizabeth worked as a competition and regulatory lawyer at two top tier law firms in Sydney with a focus on infrastructure, and commenced her career working in litigation in New Zealand. From 2011 to 2014 Elizabeth was appointed to the board of the World Airport Lawyers Association. Elizabeth is a director of Perth Airport



Jonas Bartlett is a Senior Legal Counsel at SITA, based in Geneva. He has worked at SITA since 2017, with global responsibilities for legal issues relating to SITA's airports and airlines businesses. SITA's communications network and services cover 95% of all international destinations, supporting 2,800 air transport customers in 200 countries. He qualified as a lawyer in Australia in 2004 and has worked both in private practice and in-house in Sydney and London. Prior to SITA, Jonas was a legal counsel at DHL. He has experience in corporate and transactional law, technology and telecommunications, and more recently, the GDPR and data privacy.



Abhi Chacko Heads the business unit which provides IT services to more than 120 entities operating at Gatwick. Leads tech led innovation and digital for the airport campus. Before moving to London in 2013, held Head of IT roles at Abu Dhabi Airport Company and Emirates Airlines. Was the CIO of Dubailand Theme Parks.



Andrew Charlton is the managing director of Aviation Advocacy, an independent strategic government affairs and publishing company based in Switzerland. Aviation Advocacy's clients include major industry suppliers, airlines, ANSPs, regulators, service providers and airports. Andrew regularly writes about and comments on aviation. Aviation Advocacy's subscription only Aviation Intelligence Reporter is an increasingly influential monthly critique of developments. Its subscribers include senior regulators; airline, ANSP and airport senior executives; and several trade associations.

Andrew has wide-ranging experience in the legal, commercial and aero-political aspects of the aviation industry. He has been involved in some of the most major developments in the industry. Previously, Andrew was the Chief Legal Officer of Qantas Airways before being responsible for Government Affairs for IATA and then SITA. Andrew was the Executive Director of the Drone Alliance Europe. He is the Executive Director of the ATM Policy Institute. Andrew is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.



Brian Day. Barrister & Solicitor, WALA Board Member, Canada

DAY, BRIAN has more than 30 years' experience as a lawyer advising airport management on best practices and providing business solutions: strategic, practical, legal and business advice to grow business, manage risk and build value. Brian Day was legal counsel for Vancouver International Airport Authority from 1992 until 2003, responsible for legal services, revenue contract administration, and risk management and insurance. Mr. Day was Chair of the Canadian Airports Council (CAC) Legal Committee and Chair of the CAC Risk Managers and Insurance Committee. Since 2003, Brian Day has provided business and regulatory solutions to airports in Canada and internationally, including helping airports improve revenues and address regulatory challenges. Mr. Day is a Executive Board Member for the Worldwide Airports Lawyers

Association (WALA).



Diana Freeman, is a Senior Assistant City Attorney for the Aviation Division in the City of Atlanta's Department of Law. Ms. Freeman joined the City's Law Department in November of 2014. Ms. Freeman represents the City's Department of Aviation, which operates the world's busiest and most efficient airport: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Her practice includes representing Hartsfield-Jackson in concessions procurements, general procurements, tax matters, ground transportation matters, Georgia open records requests, and other special projects, including the 2019 Super Bowl, 2026 FIFA World Cup, 100 Millionth Passenger Celebration, and The Mayor's Annual 5K on the 5th Runway event. Prior to joining the City, Ms. Freeman worked as a Staff Attorney at the Office of the Fulton County Attorney in the State of Georgia where she specialized in employment litigation and condemnation law. Ms. Freeman is a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law and the University of Georgia where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Religion with a concentration in Global Studies.

Mark Gallagher joined Amadeus in 2017 and leads Amadeus Airport line of business across Latin America. He and his team are responsible for business development in this region. In Addition to having accountability for designing and delivering solutions tailored specifically to address an airports unique requirements. Solutions range from passenger processing to baggage reconciliation, from biometrics to airport management and commercialization solutions.

Mark has more than 25 years of experience leading global teams and hi tech and professional services organizations experiencing periods of rapid change. He has held senior leadership positions in airport IT, business intelligence, end-user computing lines of business.

Mark is married with three sons. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and hold a bachelor of science degree in mathematics with a concentration in computer science.



Navdeep Gill is a Legal Director, EURO Region at SITA, based in London. She has worked at SITA for nearly 5 years, with responsibilities for all legal issues relating to SITA's airports and airlines businesses within the European region. SITA's communications network and services cover 95% of all international destinations, supporting 2,800 air transport customers in 200 countries. Navdeep is qualified as a lawyer in England & Wales. She started her career as an Associate in private practice in London, but has for the past 10 years worked as In-house Counsel in the technology sector.



Diego Gonzalez Graduated from the University of La Plata (UNLP) Argentina with a law degree in 1992. Master in Administrative Law (1995) from the Austral University (UA). He is a professor at the Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA) and a visiting professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of La Plata. Diego is Vice President of Transportation Law of the Association of Public Lawyers of Buenos Aires. Diego is also the author of the book "Airport Law, Legal System of Airport Services". He is legal manager of Aeropuertos Argentina 2000 SA since 1999. Founder and President of WALA since 2008. Founding member of the Public Law Association of MERCOSUR (1997)



Robert Herga, General Counsel and Company Secretary, Gatwick Airport.

Robert was appointed General Counsel and Company Secretary in March 2010. Robert was General Counsel and Company Secretary at BAA until 2009 having spent 20 years in various roles within the legal department. Prior to that he had undertaken legal roles within British Steel and BT. Immediately before joining Gatwick Robert was General Counsel and Company Secretary at Carpetright plc



Michal Jaworski - an attorney at law and a manager with 17-year experience in management and providing legal assistance for entities, former Vice-president of the Board of Directors at Krakow John Paul II International Airport (responsible for investments and compliance), Head of Legal of Welcome Airport Services Ltd (one of the biggest handling agent in Poland), partner of one of the biggest law offices in Poland, co-founder of the law office partnership, the manager in international corporate business, vast experience in public sector, the member of international legal association.



Peter J. Kirsch is a partner with the law firm of Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, dividing his time between the firm's offices in Denver, Colorado and Washington, DC. For 30 years, Mr. Kirsch has concentrated his practice on airport development. He has represented dozens of airports on land use, regulatory and environmental issues that arise in connection with airport operations and development. Mr. Kirsch regularly advises airports on federal legislation and regulations, and airport financial issues. He has represented clients in precedent-setting litigation regarding the powers of airport proprietors. Mr. Kirsch has been involved dozens of airport expansions, redevelopment projects and commercial development projects and frequently advises of public-private partnerships (P3s). He is a frequent speaker at conferences on airport law in the United States and elsewhere. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of Chicago Law School.



Isabelle Lelieur is a partner of *Chevrier Avocats*, a French law firm specialized in aviation. She represents and advises mainly airlines, airports, insurers, regulators and service providers, in France and worldwide, in business aviation law and policy. In particular, she deals with legal risk management, contracts (PPP & private contracts), regulatory, competition, data protection (GDPR) and liability issues.

She is also a Senior Associate Business Law & Policy for *Aviation Strategies International*, a Canadian consulting firm.

Isabelle maintains a position as an academic speaker in Paris-La Sorbonne, Toulouse and Aix-en-Provence Universities (2003-present), as well as for the Joint Aviation Authorities Training Organization (JAA TO) in Amsterdam.

I.Lelieur has worked in the field of aviation law for almost 20 years. Previously, she worked as a lawyer at Air France's international affairs department (2000) and at the European Commission in Brussels (2002), followed by a position as the head of the legal department at the French airport association (2003-07). Then, she headed the legal department of VINCI Airports (2007- 2017). Working for a worldwide major player of airport concession has brought Mrs Lelieur a large knowledge of strategic issues and challenges of airport investors, operators and their partners. In 2017, she started her own practice in Paris, specialized in aviation business law and policy, before joining in 2018 *Chevrier Avocats* law firm.

After graduating from Toulouse Law Faculty in 1999, Isabelle Lelieur acquired a Master's Degree in Air & Space Law (IFURTA) in Aix-En-Provence Law Faculty (France) in 2000 and a LLM at the Institute of Air & Space Law at McGill - Montreal (2002). She is admitted to the Paris Bar. Currently, she is involved in the AMPAP program, the Global ACI-ICAO Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme.

She published a book on ownership and control of airlines, as well as articles on air transport bilateral agreements and airport law and policy. Finally, Mrs Lelieur is a member of the French Society of Air and Space Law (SFDAS), the European Air Law Association (EALA) and the McGill Institute of Air & Space Law Alumni Association (IASL)



Jessie Loong is presently Changi Airport Group's Senior Vice President, Legal & Compliance, as well as its Company Secretary. In her role, Jessie heads the airport's legal and compliance functions, rendering sound, value-added counsel to its operations, and ensures strong corporate governance through the board secretariat.

Prior to joining Changi, Jessie spent 9 years as an attorney with United Technologies Corporation (UTC), a Fortune 500 company with leading positions in the aerospace and commercial building industries. Before UTC, Jessie was Senior Legal Counsel with the French food MNC, Groupe Danone, where she spent nearly 6 years working on international acquisitions and divestitures. Preceding this, Jessie was in private practice in Singapore, specialising in corporate and commercial work.

Jessie received her Master of Business Administration (with high honours) in 2010 from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and earned her Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore in 1997. She qualified to both the Singapore and New York state bars.



Milda Manomaityte is an air-rail consultant and Founder Director of the Global AirRail Alliance (GARA), a membership organisation consisting of 50 participants across aviation, surface and associated supplier companies. GARA works with airports, airlines, rail operators, planners and suppliers to share ideas and best practices on how to improve airport access for passengers and employees. As a result of her journalistic background and role as Director of GARA, Milda has developed excellent research skills, allowing her to build a comprehensive global air-rail database, containing information about airport access projects in various stages of development, air-rail partnerships, and market influences.

As the Director of GARA, Milda is the organiser and creator of the annual Global AirRail Conference and awards, regional AirRail conferences and the Airport Access Ideas Forum. She has also delivered presentations and moderated discussions at other industry events, such as the Passenger Terminal Conference, Intelligent Transport Conference, dAIR meeting and other events. Milda has participated in the IATA Travel Partners Standards Council meeting, discussing intermodal initiatives and IATA's proposed air/rail best practices guide. She has also established contacts with airlines currently selling air-rail products to their customers.



Anna Masutti, senior Partner of LS, is head of the Department of Aviation & Aerospace. Her principal areas of practice include: aviation insurance, airlines, airports, general aviation multi-jurisdictional, loan and lease financing, operating leases and tax-based leases. Anna has experience in advising on aviation regulatory matters and insolvency and enforcement issues. She is Professor of Air Law at the University of Bologna, visiting professor at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence - Fiesole. She is in the board of the European Air Law Association (EALA), editor of 'The Aviation and Space Journal' (<http://www.aviationspacejournal.com>). Furthermore, she is member of the Aviation Committee of IBA (International Bar Association).



Simon McNamara is IATA's Area Manager for the United Kingdom & Ireland leading its local regional activities and supporting the wider IATA team in its work to represent, lead and serve the airline industry. Previous to his current role he was Director of Communications at Flybe and formerly Director General of the European Regions Airline Association leading their advocacy, communications, events and publications activities.

A graduate of City University, London, in Aeronautical Engineering, McNamara also holds an MSc from Cranfield University in the UK in Air Transport Management.



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ALAN MENEGHETTI is a partner in the Corporate group at Katten Muchin Rosenman UK LLP. He undertakes a full range of privacy, commercial and regulatory work in the general commercial, aviation and manufacturing sectors. His practice ranges from handling regulatory issues to the procurement of suppliers and responses to tenders, to data protection and privacy, information technology, intellectual property, and the drafting and negotiating of various commercial agreements, such as outsourcing, supply, service, and research and development. He has worked extensively on matters in Africa, the Americas, Europe and the United Kingdom.

Alan is a regular contributor to publications and speaker at conferences in these sectors, and his articles and book reviews have been widely published.



John Middleton is Assistant General Counsel for the International Air Transport Association (IATA), based in Geneva, Switzerland. He serves as IATA's bankruptcy specialist, leading the legal response and support for all airline bankruptcy and suspension cases worldwide, managing the claims process for IATA in multiple jurisdictions, and protecting IATA's interests in these cases in over 50 countries.

John is also Regional Counsel for IATA's European region, providing the first point of contact for IATA's local and regional offices while leading the legal department's response to local and regional issues including antitrust investigations, travel agent litigation, and corporate compliance. He also is responsible for legal support for the IATA Worldwide

Airport Slots team, including participation in Slots Policy Working Group and Joint Slot Advisory Group meetings, antitrust review for multiple Slots Conferences, and key involvement with advocacy and regulatory campaigns. John has spoken and written on a variety of bankruptcy and aviation topics, including presentations on airline bankruptcies and IATA's role in these proceedings and on competition law and slots coordination.



Tim Norwood, Director of Corporate Affairs, Planning and Sustainability, Gatwick Airport.

Tim joined Gatwick as Chief Planning Officer in February 2017 with responsibility for the development of the long term masterplan and subsequently took on the role of Director of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability, creating a combined Directorate. He was previously Chief Planning Officer at EDF Energy with responsibility for securing consent for the Hinkley Point C Project and progressing the planning and environmental assessment work for nuclear new build at Sizewell. Prior to that, Tim held several planning roles in BAA at Heathrow and Stansted. Tim has also worked in local government and consultancy.

Tim is a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute. He has a Masters in Town Planning from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and a geography degree from the University of London.



Laura Pierallini, founder and name partner of Studio Pierallini, spent years at the legal and tax department of Arthur Andersen and was the managing partner of the international law firm Coudert Brothers in Rome. She is professor of commercial law and Director of the Air Law Executive Course at LUISS University of Rome. She has practised aviation law since 1988. Her practice includes all areas of aviation law such as aircraft financing, regulatory, contentious, insurance, tax, labour, customs and corporate. Ms. Pierallini organises and attends many conferences on aviation, delivering speeches and moderating panels at various Italian and international symposia including those organised by IATA, EALA, and EAC. She is author of many publications in aviation, tourism and commercial law and contributes to

Italian chapter: Getting the Deal Through – Air Transport; Getting the Deal Through – Aviation Finance & Leasing; International Law Office – Aviation; Airfinance Annual; Aircraft Finance and Aircraft Liens; The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Aviation Law; Practical Law - Aviation Finance Global Guide; "EC Regulation No 261/2004 - Passengers' right to compensation in case of flight delay. Looking for a fair balance of interests. The role of the European Court of Justice and the risk to waive a chance of reform", Liber Amicorum John Balfour; "Air Passenger Rights, Ten Years On", Michal Bobek, Jeremias Prassl. Laura Pierallini is a Committee member of European Air Law Association, member of the International Aviation Women's Association and the European Aviation Club. She has been shortlisted as Best Aviation Lawyer for the Europe Women in Business Law Awards in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and recognised as Thought Leader of Aviation by Who's Who Legal Expert Guide of 2018.



Marcelo Pozzetti. Corporación America in-house advisor on corporate, business and contractual matters on the Airport Division since 2011. He has also drafted and negotiated commercial, civil agreements as well as agreements related to the airports and aero commercial industries. He was also actively involved in legal processes, due diligences, M&A transactions, Bids and concession agreements for different countries (i.e., among others, Brazil, Colombia, Spain, Greece, Italy, Jamaica, Portugal).

Also specialized in Corporate Law, his previous practice in a top-five Argentine legal firm involves all aspects related to legal corporate and capital market issues and, in particular, Mergers and Acquisitions and Entertainment Law (beverages, film, TV and multimedia producers, hotels, Internet firms). He also took part in several lectures, seminars and conferences on different aspects of corporate law and published several articles



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In 2014 has obtained IATA Aviation Law Diploma.

Berin was a speaker at the 10th and 11th, Bird Strike Croatia Conference (2015, 2016, 2018) and at EALA 10th Munich Liability Seminar (2015), 9th World Airport Lawyers Conference (2017) and 7th Sankt Petersburg Conference (2017).

He has been elected by EASA as EASA Independent Aviation Expert for Air Law and Airports in 2015. and called at the Bar in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2010 and has experience acting as a P.C Sarajevo International Airport representative in relation to air, civil and labor law disputes.

He has attended many conferences on aviation matters organized by IATA, EALA; WALA and ACI.

Currently, he is Acting Head of Legal Department at Sarajevo International Airport and

Instructor for Air Law (Montreal Convention and Passenger Rights) at Institute of Air and Space Law Aerohelp in Sankt-Peterburg, Russia. He is working as external associate for AirHelp (Passenger Rights in BiH).

He enrolled global ICAO/ACI Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme in 2015 and he is specialized in Air Law with focus on:

1. Airports (User Charges, Groundhandling, PRM passengers (Disabled and passengers with reduced mobility), Airport Operator Liability, Standard Ground Handling Agreement - SGHA 2013/2008/2004),
2. Passengers rights (Regulation 1107/2006, Regulation 261/2004)

3. Carrier liability - Warsaw System and Montreal Convention
4. Chicago Convention



James Spencer is a Global Terrorism Risk Consultant within AIG's Client Risk Solutions group, based in London. He began his career in the British Army, spending time in Northern Ireland trying to counter terrorists from both sides of the divide, before working in the wider Middle East and North Africa on both nationalist and Islamist terrorism, and related issues. After leaving the Army, he broadened his scope in the security, risk and resilience field to include Sub-Saharan Africa, mitigation and recovery, and non-violent challenges. He spent three years with an international bank in Africa, working on Business Continuity, Security and Political Risk issues, and is a Member of the Business Continuity Institute. He spends much of his time identifying trends in politics, terrorism and technology in order to help clients embrace future risks and enable their ambitions.



Richard Stock, b.a., m.a, fcis, cmc, has consulted to more than 250 law departments over the years, covering every major industry sector. Many clients are public companies, while others are country counsel with international companies or are privately held. He has written more than 390 columns, articles and books and is an experienced conference presenter to corporate counsel in Europe, Canada, the US, the Middle East and Australia. His approach to managing workloads and workflows for law departments, and his innovation with data analytics and performance-based fee arrangements was instrumental in securing an ACC Value Champs award for HIROC-BLG in 2013.

Richard is a member of Certified Management Consultants – Canada, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, and Associate member of the American Bar Association, and a regular member of the Buying Legal Council. His current responsibilities include lead consultant, project manager and thought leader in advising law departments on how best to add value to the company.



Michael Tegethoff is a member of Munich Airport's corporate and commercial legal team and counsel for the airport's international business activities. In this capacity, he negotiates agreements in relation to Munich Airport's international airport consulting and management activities. Recent experience includes projects in Brazil, Ukraine, Oman, and Turkey. In addition, he advises Munich Airport in matters of EU state aid and competition law and is the airport's representative at ACI Europe's State Aid Taskforce.

An attorney by profession (admission to the German bar), Michael worked for a renowned international law firm for several years before joining Munich Airport in 2011. His experience includes representing multinational clients in IP/IT disputes in administrative courts as well as in WIPO dispute settlement procedures. A large portion of his work was dedicated to negotiating and drafting complex technical agreements on behalf of his clients including some airlines. Michael also gained practical experience working for the United Nations, Geneva, as well as during his assignments to the international trade law department of an American law firm in Brussels and the political department of the German embassy, Tokyo.

Michael studied law with a focus on European and international law at the universities of Dusseldorf, Maastricht and Edinburgh (LL.M. 2002, 1st and 2nd German state examination 2001, 2007) and also holds a post-graduate degree in international relations from the University of London (London School of Economics, 2015).

Michael's academic interest lies in the area of international law and relations. He has published articles on specific aspects of the comparison of laws and is a fellow of the CSP Network for International Cooperation and Development.



Cheryl R. Treadwell is an attorney with the firm Kane Treadwell Law in Atlanta, Georgia. Cheryl is a former Senior Assistant City Attorney for the City of Atlanta, which operates Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. In that role, she represented the Atlanta airport on a variety of public safety matters including weapons, passenger and employee screening and safety management systems. She also worked with the Department of Aviation's Security Division, the Atlanta Police Department's Airport Precinct and the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department's Airport Operations on safety initiatives and protocols. Cheryl also represented the airport in contract, concessions, procurement and litigation matters. Prior to joining the City of Atlanta, Cheryl was a litigation attorney at an Atlanta law firm. She recently returned to private practice and continues to represent clients in litigation and contract matters, including those in the aviation industry. In 2016, she was a moderator for the American Bar Association's Air and Space Forum annual conference on the topic of

Secure Flight: Assessing and Assuring Aviation and Airport Security. Cheryl was also a co-presenter at WALA's conference in Buenos Aries, Argentina. Cheryl holds a B.S. in Public Policy from Georgia Tech and law degree from the University of Georgia.



Stewart Wingate, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Gatwick Airport.

Stewart Wingate is London Gatwick's Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Previously he held different roles within BAA, first as Customer Services Director of Glasgow Airport, then as CEO of Budapest Airport and most recently as Managing Director of Stansted Airport. Prior to that he worked for Black & Decker. Stewart is a Chartered Engineer and Fellows of both the Institute of Engineering and Technology and the Chartered Institute of Marketing. He has a Masters in Business Administration with distinction and a first-class honors degree in electrical and electronic engineering.