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LIST OF WALA 2019 SPEAKERS



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Elizabeth is part of Morrison & Co's Australia / New Zealand Investment Team based in Sydney.
Elizabeth has responsibility for the performance of a number of the investments Morrison & Co manages on behalf of its clients. She has extensive industry executive experience including 9 years with Sydney Airport immediately prior to joining Morrison & Co and several years working as a competition and regulatory lawyer focussed on infrastructure. Elizabeth is a director of Perth Airport and Queensland Airports Ltd, and an executive board member of the World Airport Lawyers' Association.

Tatiana Arima Cohen Zaide

Tatiana Arima Cohen Zaide is a Legal Director for the Latam & Caribbean at SITA, the world's leading service provider of IT business solutions and communications services to the commercial air transport industry with operations in over 220 countries. Her in-house experience includes TIM and Telecom Italia Group where she worked for more than 5 years before she joined SITA in 2007. Prior to moving in-house, she spent 5 years in private practice working at Tozzini Freire Advogados. She has a Degree in Law (LL.B) from the University of São Paulo (1997), a Specialization Degree in Intellectual Property Law from PUC- RJ (2003), and a Master Degree in International Management from Fundação Getulio Vargas (2009).



Andrew Charlton

Managing director of Aviation Advocacy, an independent air transport focused strategic consulting and government affairs consultancy based in Switzerland, with an office in Brussels. It was established in 2006. Andrew has wide-ranging experience in the legal, commercial and aero-political aspects of all parts 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. Aviation Advocacy's subscription only Aviation Intelligence Reporter is an increasingly influential monthly critique of developments.



Brian Day



Founding member and former Board Executive Member of WALA. Brian was legal counsel for Vancouver International Airport (“YVR”) for 11 years. During this time, Brian was responsible for delivering and managing legal services, risk management and insurance, and revenue contract administration. Brian holds a B.A. (1974) and LL.B. (1978) from the University of Victoria. Brian commenced his law practice as a Department of Justice (Canada) barrister in criminal law, aircraft accident, aviation prosecution, aviation personnel, and airline regulation cases. This was followed by training Transport Canada civil aviation and air traffic control personnel in airline regulation and aviation personnel licensing at Transport Canada facilities in Vancouver, Ottawa and Cornwall, Ontario. From 1982 until 1992, Brian was agent of the Attorney General of Canada on aeronautical matters and taught aviation law, airport commercial leasing and aviation safety. Brian has been actively involved in airport law and related activities. He has provided many airports and organizations with airport law and business solutions. See www.airportlaw.ca

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Jose Eduardo de Melo

Graduated from the Faculdade de Direito de Bauru. Master in Law – LLM – International Economic Law from the University of Warwick (UK). He is the legal and regulatory affairs Director of Inframerica Concessionaria dos Aeroportos de Brasilia e Natal.

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Mauro Teixeira de Faria is a partner at Galdino & Coelho Advogados (GC). He graduated from the State University of Rio de Janeiro Law School and Master of Laws (Corporate Law and Economic activities) at the same institution.

Mauro has substantial experience in corporate and civil litigation, as well as corporate restructuring, working on behalf of debtors, creditors and investors (distressed assets) in some of the main insolvency cases in Brazil. Mauro has also published several academic articles, mostly involving insolvency law and is a member of Turnaround Management Association (TMA) and Brazilian Bar Association Insolvency Special Committee.



Dr. Hernan Gomez



Abogado. Universidad Del Salvador. 1997. Diploma de Honor. Doctorando en Derecho. UBA 2012. Postgrado en Especialización en ciencias jurídicas. UBA 2013. Especialista en Derecho Aeronáutico y Espacial. INDAE 2002-2003. Director Nacional de Transporte Aéreo en la Administración Nacional de Aviación Civil (2015/2016). Es Representante Alterno por Argentina ante el Consejo de la OACI y experto ante la Comisión Latinoamericana de Aviación Civil. Profesor de Postgrado de la Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. Profesor Auxiliar de la Cátedra de Derecho Aeronáutico Universidad Del Salvador. Profesor de Postgrado Facultad de Derecho-UBA. Fundador – Coordinador General de la carrera de Postgrado en derecho aeronáutico en la UCA. Miembro Plenario de cuatro organismos internacionales-regionales (Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Aeronáutico y del Espacio y de la Aviación Comercial, Organismo Consultivo de las Naciones Unidas; Comité Latinoamericano de Consulta Registral; Worldwide Airport Lawyers Association (WALA); European Air Law Association (EALA)

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WALA President. Legal Manager, Aeropuertos Argentina 2000.

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 Committee of the Public Bar Association 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)



Alvaro Werner Gonzalez Ringler

Chief Executive Officer - Opain S.A.

Álvaro González was named as General Manager in OPAIN S.A on the 1st of september, 2017. He is an Airport Administrator from Escuela Técnica Aeronáutica DGAC (Chile) and has more than 20 years of experience in the airport management sector. Before joining OPAIN S.A he was the General Manager at the Ernesto Cortizos International Airport in Barranquilla. He has been the Operations Director at Mariscal Sucre International Airport (Quito, Ecuador) and at Unique-Idc, the concession in charge of the international airports in Honduras. He also has experience with many relevant airport operations companies such as Airport Worldwide (Houston, USA) and Vancouver Airport Services, among other important projects within the sector. Among the challenges Mr. González have been face at El Dorado there is the supervision of the final building phase of the expansion and modernization process in the terminal and the consolidation of the team's effort in the quest to offer the best experiences to its clients and users. In terms of international recognitions, Mr. González is in charge of achieving the Five Star qualification given by Skytrax and will lead the process to preserve the title as Best Airport in South America achieved by El Dorado in the World Airport Awards during the last two years





Brian F. Havel

Director of McGill University's Institute of Air & Space Law (IASL). He is a distinguished Research Professor of Law, Associate Dean for International Affairs. Prior he was Director of the International Aviation Law Institute at De Paul University College of Law, Chicago. He was the Keeley Fellow at Wadham College from 2011 to 2013. He is also Visiting Professor at Leiden University and University College Dublin and has held the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Comparative Law and Legal Pluralism at McGill University. He serves on the World Economic Forum's Future of Travel & Tourism Council and the Board of the European Air Law Association. In 2014 he published a book *The Principles and Practice of International Aviation Law* (Cambridge 2014).

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Eduardo is the partner in charge of the Infrastructure and Regulatory & Government Affairs practice area of BMA Law, one of the largest Brazilian full-service firms. Eduardo has solid experience in licensing, competitive bidding procedures, administrative litigation and other forms of legal support in regulated markets and has assisted foreign clients in all the privatization rounds of airport privatizations in Brazil to this date. He also has a vast expertise on aviation, assisting airlines, technology developers and aircraft manufactures in doing business in Brazil.



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Chief Legal and Institutional Affairs Officer at Opain. Colombian lawyer who holds an LLM degree from Northwestern University of Chicago, an MBA from EOI Spain and a certificate in business administration of Instituto de Empresa – IE. Natalí is the former Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer of Odinsa and has substantial experience in corporate, commercial and financial law.

Bernard Lisker

International Aviation Portfolio Director of MITRE. B.S./M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and Universidad Anáhuac, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Flight Transportation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Over 30 years of experience in the field of air traffic control. Currently, responsible, as international director, for transfer of MITRE's advanced aviation technology to many nations across the globe. The recipient of numerous international awards, he is a member of The Scientific Research Society – Sigma Xi. Having had a life-long interest in historical cartography, Dr. Lisker is a Fellow of Britain's Royal Geographic Society.





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Partner at boutique firm MBCR/Márquez Barrera Castañeda Ramírez. Pablo studied Law, Philosophy and Economics at Javeriana University and holds an LLM degree from Harvard and a PhD from Oxford. Pablo is the former Chairman of the Commission for Communications Regulation of Colombia and Superintendent for Antitrust among other. He has published four books and over twenty articles on economic law. In his experience, both as the Chairman of CRC and Superintendent for SIC, Pablo gained significant industry expertise in different sectors, including telecommunications and media, aviation, healthcare, retail and energy among other. In addition, Pablo has more than 15 years of experience teaching Law, designing trainings for a wide variety of backgrounds

Ante Matijaca

World Bird Strike Association. Founding member of the WALA 2008. Graduated Law at the University of Split – Croatia in 1975. Employment as Legal Department Manager: Split Airport”, Kaštela (1993 – 2016). Doing his job at Split Airport the main duties were: airport safety – legal aspects (with special focus on the bird strike matter), various legal contracts, liaison and cooperation with state institutions (ministries, institutes, agencies etc.), labour law, airport changes, privatisation, insurance and air transport law for public & private Aviation. He Attended at “Air Law Course” at the University of Leiden and participated in Seminar on “Responsibility and Liability in Air and Space Law” at International Institute of Air and Space Law. Ante is. He was Chairman of Bird Strike Committee Croatia (2001 – 2016). Retired as Split Airport employee in July 2016.



Simon McPhee

General Counsel at Perth Airport

Simon is General Counsel of Perth Airport in Western Australia and is currently leading proceedings against a major Australian based airline in respect of their continuing short payment of aeronautical services (an issue currently being encountered by various Australian Airports). In his role at Perth Airport, Simon is responsible for the management of the Perth Airport's full suite legal function spanning real estate, aero/non-aero infrastructure and property development, commercial, financing, litigation, general corporate and competition/access. Prior to joining Perth Airport, Simon was General Counsel for WesTrac (amongst the largest CAT dealerships in the world) and held a senior legal position with CIMIC Groups' Australasian construction company (previously Leighton Contractors (Australia's premier construction company)). Prior to joining CIMIC, Simon worked in private practice (major projects, construction, corporate and structured finance) at a top tier Australian law firm and in London, for a tier one 'Magic Circle' law firm.



Steve Michoulas

Steve is an Aviation and Commercial Real Estate Partner at McMillan LLP, a national law firm in Canada. Prior to rejoining McMillan in 2018, Steve spent 8½ years at the Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR) as Director, Legal Services. At YVR, Steve was entrusted with overseeing virtually all of the Airport Authority's legal affairs, which included major real estate developments, construction projects, innovation and the commercialization of such innovation, the licensing of third party operators, and management of a major piece of *Competition Act* litigation. Steve currently acts for a number of airports on a wide variety of matters and he sits on the Legal Affairs Committee of Airports Council International (NA).





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B.S. and M.S. in Aerospace Engineering. MITRE's Senior Technical Advisor for Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Currently working on demonstrating near term cooperative solution for manned/unmanned separation. Active flight instructor. Multiple aircraft owner. Amateur aircraft builder. Airplane, Helicopter, Gyroplane, Glider and Remote pilot with over 3,000 hours. Computer programmer. More than 15-year experience with MITRE. More than 10 years of experience at NASA building small spacecraft

Eugenio Perisse

More than Thirty years' experience in Airport Planning, Project coordination and on-site Construction Management, implementing human, technical and economical resources.

With personal experience in the construction market of South and Central America, Eastern Europe and other markets.

Experience in Airports Master Plan projects, new business developments, planning, construction site development, and detail projects.

Current International Business Development Manager from Corporación América Airports CAAP and member of the Management Board.

International Infrastructure Manager from Corporación América since 2007 up to 2012 and International Operations Manager from Corporación América from 2012 up to 2017 implementing CAAP Dashboard and best Practices expertise project.



Olga Lucia Ramirez

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Lawyer from Universidad del Rosario, Master in Administrative Law from the same University, specialist in Competition Law from the U. Externado and LLM in Air and Space Law of the Leiden University in the Netherlands. Expert in aeronautical, airport and infrastructure issues.

She has held Legal Management positions in large infrastructure projects including civil works, highway and airport concessions, and is currently the Director of Infrastructure of the Ministry of Transportation in Colombia. Previously, Legal Director of an airport operator in six Colombian airports; Likewise, she participated as the Legal Coordinator within the modernization project of the El Dorado airport in Bogotá and worked within her degree practice of the Master's Degree in Air and Space Law with the company Schiphol Group, in charge of the operation of the main airport of the Netherlands (Amsterdam).

Also, founding associate and president of the Colombian Association of Airport Law in Colombia, guest professor in the Master of Economic Law of the Javeriana University for specific airport issues and teacher of the airport infrastructure module within the Pontifical Aeronautical Law Diploma in the Javeriana University. She has participated in world and local events and conferences on airport and infrastructure issues, within the framework of the Colombian Association of Airport Law and the Ministry of Transportation



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João Marcelo Sant'Anna is a partner at J.G. Assis de Almeida & Associados. He has substantial experience in litigation and arbitration regarding aviation, corporate and foreign investments, working on behalf of foreign airlines, insurance companies and investors for cases in Brazil.

He is currently a PhD student and holds a Master's degree from the Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro – UERJ (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), in which he focused on the study of legal instruments adapted to Brazilian airport infrastructure issues. He also has a J.D. from the UERJ (2008), and attended the MBA program of Public Law from Fundação Getúlio Vargas – FGV, in 2013. João Marcelo is the author of the book “Infraestrutura Aeroportuária – Transformações no Modelo de Exploração” and a member of the Brazilian Bar Association Constitutional Committee, Brazilian Arbitration Committee (“CBar”) and Brazilian Attorneys Institute Corporate and Arbitration Committees (“IAB”).



Michael Siebold

Is currently Vice Chair and Executive Board Member of the Worldwide Airports Lawyers Association (WALA). His practise over more than 3 decades has always been set on an international footing with a strong focus on infrastructure projects throughout the world, including stadium and arena projects, airport and port work, etc. Michael earned his primary civil law degree in Germany and his secondary common law degree in Canada. He is the founding partner of ARNECKE SIEBOLD, and now senior partner of ARNECKE SIBETH DABELSTEIN, a leading German law firm with more than 150 fee earners in 6 offices in Germany. Being strongly linked to North America's business community since many years, Michael is in charge of many national and especially international projects in all sectors, in particular the logistics sector and in the sports industry, the innovative building of arenas, and the international real property market. Furthermore, he specialises in legal project management and financing.

Michael is rather active in the German Canadian community, presently acting as President of DKG Deutsch-Kanadische Gesellschaft, founder and director of the Event and Venue Management Institute - EVMI; member of board and Chair emeritus of INTERLAW, chairman of the standing arbitration board of the LSBH as well as a member of the board of several charitable trusts and organisations.

