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**Correia, Vincent**, McGill, Canada

**Di Cio, Gustavo**, Abiax Air, Argentina

**El Feghali, Elie**, SITA, Lebanon

**Evtimova-Spaseska, Emilija**, TAV Macedonia, Macedonia

**Flouris, Triant**, Metropolitan College, Greece

**Garcia Rosales, Marcelo**, NACO, The Netherlands

**Gonzalez, Diego**, Aeropuertos Argentina, Argentina

**Harb, Karim**, SITA, Lebanon

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**Tan, Alan Khee-Jin**, Professor of Law, Singapore

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# MOHAMED YOUSIF AL BINFALAH

**BAHRAIN AIRPORT COMPANY  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

BAHRAIN

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He is the Chief Executive Officer of Oman Airports

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Under his leadership, Oman Airports, which manages 7 airports in the Sultanate of Oman, has transformed into one of the most prominent airports management companies in the Middle East and the world. Oman Airports offers an exceptional travel experience to all its users, reflecting authentic Omani hospitality and high professional ambition. This has led to Muscat International Airport winning the award for the Most Improved Airport in the Middle East in 2018 and 2019 by the Airports Council International and Salalah Airport receiving a five-star rating in the Middle East by Skytrax as the first regional airport to achieve this global rating, in addition to many other prestigious international awards.

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In addition to his current role at Oman Airports, Aimen Al Hosni also holds executive positions in several national and international companies. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Transom Handling, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Oman SATS, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oman National Engineering and Investment Company, and a member of the Board of Directors of Omantel Telecommunications



# SHEIKH AIMEN bin AL HOSNI

**OMAN AIRPORTS  
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# DR. ABDULLAH AL MANDHARI

**OMAN AIRPORTS  
VICE PRESIDENT LEGAL**

OMAN

Dr. Abdullah is Vice President Legal at Oman Airports with a forward-thinking and rich foundation and background in aviation, legal, and commercial fields, his academic achievements include both a Ph.D. and Master's degree from the United Kingdom. Under his guidance and as a member in the Leadership Team, Oman Airports has achieved remarkable steps in aviation, prioritizing top-notch airports services and revolutionizing different businesses through insightful data analysis and enhanced operational efficiency. Dr. Abdullah leadership not only guides new innovations toward business sustainability but also committed to the success and impact of Oman Airports in the local and international markets.



# EDUARDO CARVALHAES

**LEFFOSE ADVOGADOS'  
PARTNER**

**BRAZIL**

Eduardo is the Lefosse Advogados' head of the public law and regulated markets practice.

Eduardo has solid experience in licensing, privatizations, public procurement, dispute resolution and

legal advice in regulated markets. He is a member of FGV-RJ University's Airport Concessions Committee, of the Brazilian Bar Association Infrastructure Commission and the Construction and Aviation Committees of the International Bar Association.

Eduardo graduated at São Paulo Catholic University and holds both a PhD and a Master's degree from the University of São Paulo.

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# VINCENT CORREIA

**INSTITUTE OF AIR AND SPACE LAW  
CO-DIRECTOR**

CANADA

Specialized in Aviation Law, Prof. Dr. Vincent Correia is Full Professor of Law since 2014. Before joining McGill University, he served as Professor of Public Law in France, at the Université de Poitiers (2014-2017) and Université Paris-Saclay (2017-2023). In parallel, he has been a Visiting Professor at Leiden University (the Netherlands) for almost a decade. He intervened as a guest lecturer at several Universities throughout the world, in Europe, South America, South-East and Central Asia most notably. He is fluent in French, English and Spanish.

His current research focuses on the study of the interactions between international air law and national and regional legislations, from a multi-level perspective. He addresses emerging trends in the field of environmental protection, competition law, liability and passengers' rights, as well as the liberalization of the air transport sector. He lectured, in the last years, Air Law, Public International Law and European Union Law.

He has published numerous articles and case commentaries on aviation law in English, French and Spanish. He has been co-editor of the *Revue Française de Droit Aérien et Spatial* and member of the boards of editors of the *Aviation and Space Journal* and the *Air & Space Law* journals. He is member of the board of the *Société Française de Droit Aérien et Spatial* and member of the *International Law Association* and the *Association Française d'Études Européennes*.



# ELIE EL FEGHALI

**SITA**  
**LEGAL DIRECTOR**

LEBANON

Elie El Feghali is a Legal Director at SITA, the world's leading specialist in air transport communications and information technology.

Elie has a degree in law and a master's degree in intellectual and industrial property law from  
La Sagesse University - Lebanon.

Elie is member of the Beirut Bar Association and in-house counsel certified (Association of Corporate Counsel). He is also a university professor and has published several articles and lectured in seminars and workshops.

Elie has nearly 20 years of legal experience, having worked in private practice as a Partner and Head of the Litigation Practice Group at one of the leading regional law firms in the Middle East, before he moved in-house. Elie is currently leading the Middle East and Africa Legal Team of SITA and he is based in Beirut, Lebanon.





# EMILIJA EVTIMOVA-SPASESKA

**TAV MACEDONIA  
LEGAL AFFAIRS MANAGER**

MACEDONIA

Emilija Evtimova-Spaseska is the Legal Affairs Manager of TAV Macedonia subsidiary of TAV Airports, the airport operator of the Skopje and Ohrid Airports in North Macedonia. She has +18 years of professional experience, having spent 6 years in private practice before she moved in-house in IT sector and currently in aviation. Following the completion of Law Faculty for International Law, she successfully completed the Macedonian Bar Exam, the IATA SGHA and SLA Effective Negotiation Contracts and her Master's degree in business law.

In her previous positions she led projects for mergers and acquisitions, due diligences, special sale-purchases, intellectual property rights protection, contract negotiations and legal advising.

In her current position she is responsible for the overall legal compliance, advising and consulting of TAV Macedonia for all legal issues of the company including aviation, labor, finance and contract management



# TRIAN FLOURIS

**METROPOLITAN COLLEGE  
VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

GREECE

Triant Flouris holds degrees from the UofSC (Ph.D.), Baylor University (M.A.), and William Jewell College (B.A.). Dr. Flouris has extensive international experience in strategic planning and higher education administration in the U.S., Canada, and Greece. He is the author of nine books, and over two hundred refereed journal articles, book chapters, scholarly articles, and public reports primarily on aviation topics. He holds professional pilot and flight instructor certifications and has over 10,000 hours of total flight time. He is VP Academic Affairs at Metropolitan College in Greece.



# MARCELO GARCIA ROSALES

**NACO**  
**CHIEF AVIATION REGULATION, POLICY, AND GOVERNANCE**

THE NETHERLANDS

Marcelo has over 15 years of aviation, government, and regulatory experience acquired across three continents: North America, Europe and the Middle East. He has advised on a wide array of aviation industry issues such as commercial partnerships, business continuity and organizational change, airport incentives packages, market access, economic regulation, sustainability initiatives, and regional airspace disputes. He has also overseen numerous multi-stakeholder and cross-functional projects such as the launch of airline sustainability programs and management systems, and has advised C-level executives on the launch of new routes for passenger and cargo operations. His integrated approach to global advocacy and cross-functional knowledge of airlines and government led him to coordinate and deploy over 20 market access right's campaigns in restricted countries. He was a member of the Qatar team that negotiated the 2019 Qatar-EU Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement and the 2018 Qatar-U.S. Understandings.

He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from McGill's Institute of Air and Space Law in Montreal. He also earned a Juris Doctor (J.D.) and Civil Law (B.C.L.) degrees from the same university. He clerked for Justice Richard Wagner of the Superior Court of Quebec (currently Chief Supreme Justice of Canada). He is fluent in English, French, Spanish and has basic knowledge of Arabic.



# DIEGO R. GONZALEZ

**AEROPUERTOS ARGENTINA 2000  
LEGAL MANAGER**

ARGENTINA

Attorney - Law School of Universidad Nacional de La Plata (UNLP) Graduated in April, 1992. Master In Administrative Law - Universidad Austral, 1995

Founder and president of Worldwide Airport Lawyer Association - WALA, since May, 2008.

Legal Affairs Manager | Aeropuertos Argentina 2000 (1999 – present)

Head of Legal Affairs CAAP vertiports team (present)

Vice Chair of the Institute of Transport Maritime, Air & Space Law – Buenos Aires Public Bar Association. Since March, 2015

Founder and President of ACI-LAC Political, Regulatory & Legal Committee (2003-2010)  
Professor of Airport Law

·Visitor Universidad Nacional de la Plata,  
·Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA) since  
March, 2015

·Academic Director at Infinitum Academy  
(Uruguay)  
Books

· Airport Law: Juridical Regimen of the Airport Service, Prometeo Publisher, Buenos Aires, 2013

·Airport Law in Iberoamerica, Tirant LoBlanch, Mexico, Co-Director, 2024

## SHORT BIO:

AEROPUERTOS ARGENTINA 2000 / CORPORACION AMERICA AIRPORTS SA

As legal manager of AA2000, he was responsible for contracts, tariff and regulatory matters and litigation dealer for the operation of the 33 airports (Group A airports in the National Airport System).

He was responsible for the comprehensive legal management (strategy, drafting, negotiation and execution). Diego exercised these tasks advising the AA2000's Directorates of Infrastructure, Operations, Systems, Purchase and Commercial Affairs.

He advised on comprehensive legal management of contracts for airport charges, tariff and regulatory affairs, retail and non aeronautical activities contracts at the airport. In reference to litigation Diego led cases initiated by consumer associations and all airlines As Corporacion America Airports advisor, Diego assist on Urban Air Mobility legal & regulatory matters.

Also he participated in various public and private procurement processes as well as expressions of interest. His professional experience was special focus on the legal and regulatory aspects of airport services, domestic and international aviation activity. In that sense Diego participated in the presentations of tenders, projects of concession contracts, take over and acquisition of airport companies, etc in many processes within Latin America Region (Colombia, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Uruguay, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Chile) and other countries in the World (Portugal, Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, Italy.



# KARIM HARB

**SITA**  
**COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR**

LEBANON

Karim Harb is a Commercial Director at SITA, the world's leading specialist in air transport communications and information technology.

Karim has a degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in engineering management from the American University of Beirut.

Karim has over twenty years of progressive expertise in Information & Communications Technology and Air Transport Industry, hands-on leadership with an extensive background in project management complemented by specialized knowledge of business & commercial management. Karim currently harnesses his in-depth analytical abilities to facilitate operational and procedural planning , in addition to translating opportunities and optimizing requirements into revenues, improving management efficiency and business performance.



# PETER J. KIRSCH

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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 nearly 35 years, Mr. Kirsch has concentrated his practice on airport law. He has represented scores of airports on land use, regulatory and environmental issues that arise in connection with airport operations and development. Much of his work focuses on private capital investment in airports, and the legal, regulatory, financial and policy implications of such investments. He is a frequent speaker at conferences on airport law, is widely published in professional journals and has authored several papers for the National Academy of Sciences, Transportation Research Board. He is the recipient of the 2021 Vance Award from the Transportation Research Board for a paper on airport land use and revenue. His undergraduate degree is from Oberlin College and his law degree is from the University of Chicago. He is admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, many federal appellate and district courts, and the local courts in the District of Columbia, Colorado, Maryland and Washington.



# PATRICIA O'SHEA

**DUBLIN AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
GROUP HEAD OF LEGAL AND SECRETARY**

IRELAND

Patricia O'Shea is a corporate lawyer with over 30 years experience gained largely in the IT and aviation sectors. She worked for a number of years with IBM holding General Counsel, Company Secretary and Director roles. She is Group Head of Legal & Secretariat at daa plc encompassing its national and international operations. Patricia is also a Non-Executive Director of Transport Infrastructure Ireland and is a member of the Advisory Board of Asia Matters. She has served on the Executive Board of the National Maternity Hospital in Dublin, Ireland for a long number of years and chaired its Quality Risk and Patient Safety Committee



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Isabelle Lelieur is involved in the aviation industry for over 20 years. She is the founding partner of the firm Lelieur Avocat.

She was previously a partner lawyer for Chevrier Avocats law firm, a firm dedicated to the aviation industry, for 3 years. She also headed for 10 years the legal department of VINCI Airports (a world-leading airport operator) – managing all legal aspects on airport projects globally.

Prior to VINCI Airports, Isabelle was in a senior role as the head of the legal department of the French Airport Association. She also held positions with the European Commission and with Air France's international affairs department. Since 2017, she is also a Senior Associate Business Law & Policy; Policy for Aviation Strategies International. She is a member of the French Society of Air and Space Law (SFDAS) and of the European Air Law Association (EALA).

## Qualifications

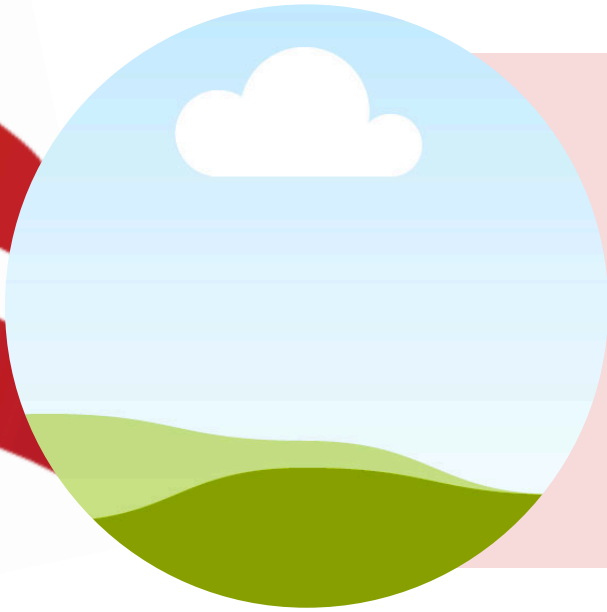
She has an undergraduate law degree from Toulouse Law University and a Master's degree from the Air Transport Training and Research Institute (IFURTA) of Aix-Marseille University. She also holds a graduate degree (LLM) from the Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL), McGill University, Montreal. She is admitted to Paris Bar. In addition, Isabelle is AMPAP accredited (the Global ACI-ICAO Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme) and has a certificate in aircraft financing and leasing.

## Lecturing and Publications

Isabelle LELIEUR lectures in several French universities (Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, Toulouse I Capitole and Aix Marseille), as well as for Leiden University (IIASL) and Djibouti University. And she is an AMPAP instructor.

Isabelle LELIEUR published a book on airline ownership and control, as well as several articles on airport regulation, data protection (GDPR) and bilateral air service agreements. She also contributed to Dalloz book on transport law (2023-2024).





# SIMON MCPHEE

PERTH AIRPORT  
LEGAL COUNSEL

AUSTRALIA



# PABLO O. NÜESCH

**AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL – NORTH AMERICA  
GENERAL COUNSEL**

UNITED STATES

Pablo Nüesch has more than thirty five years' experience in the fields of airport law, finance, and administration, working for, or on behalf of, airports throughout the United States. On July 2020, he was appointed General Counsel to Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA). In that capacity, Pablo advises ACI-NA leadership and airport members on matters of legislative, legal, and regulatory policy that impact the airport sector in North America.

Prior to joining ACI-NA, Pablo was in private practice at a Washington-based law firm, counseling airports on U.S. law and regulatory issues, and representing their interests before U.S. federal administrative agencies, the U.S. Congress, and in the Federal courts. Earlier in his career, Pablo was an airport consultant, providing advisory services in support of the management and development of airports and financing of airport projects throughout the U.S. and in the Caribbean. Pablo was graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management, and received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina, School of Law. He is admitted to practice law before the courts of the District of Columbia and in a number of United States Federal Circuits.



# LAURA PIERALLINI

**PIERALLINI STUDIO LEGALE  
NAME PARTNER**

ITALY

Laura Pierallini is the founder and name partner of the Italian aviation law firm Pierallini Studio Legale.

She is a professor of commercial law and air law at the LUISS University of Rome. Laura has practised aviation law since 1988, providing expert advice to clients across the whole of the international aviation sector, including aircraft finance and leasing; antitrust and regulatory; litigation and dispute resolution; employment; restructuring; M&A and corporate issues.

Her clientele includes Italian and foreign airlines, manufacturers, lessors, financiers, airports, handlers and travel agents. She has recently advised the most important M&A transactions in the aviation sector, including the sale to the newly established flag Italian carrier (Italia Trasporto Aereo S.p.A. – ITA Airways) of the Alitalia aviation business.

Ms Pierallini is recognised Thought Leader in the aviation section of Thought Leaders –Global Elite (2018-2023) and is recommended as a leading lawyer in the regulatory, contentious and finance sub-chapters of the aviation section of WWL: Transport.

She is named Best Aviation Lawyer at the Client Choice Awards 2024 and Lawyer of the Year – Aviation at the WWL Awards 2024. She has been consistently shortlisted for Best Aviation Lawyer at the Europe Women in Business Law Awards. She has been named Italian lawyer of the year in Transport Law at Top Legal Industry Awards 2021 and 2022 and Italian lawyer of the year in Aviation Finance at Legal Community Finance Awards 2023.

Laura regularly participates in conferences on aviation, delivering speeches and moderating panels at various Italian and international symposia, in particular those organised by IATA, IBA, EALA; WALA and EBAA.

She organises annual conferences on air law at LUISS University of Rome, attracting international experts, jurists and operators.

She is aviation committee member of the International Bar Association (IBA), committee member of the European Air Law Association (EALA) and a member of the International Aviation Women's Association (IAWA).

She is the author of many national and international publications on aviation, tourism and commercial law.



# DR. SCI BERIN RIDANOVIC

**SARAJEVO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
HEAD OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Berin Ridanović graduated Law at the University of Sarajevo in 2006. He received master's degrees in civil law in 2012 (Master thesis on Warsaw System and Montreal Convention) and in 2020, successfully completed PhD thesis (Liberalization of market in EU – Open Sky Agreements) in University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Law.

He has been working for Sarajevo International Airport for 13 years. He has wide-ranging experience in international aviation and national law.

He was called at the Bar in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2010 and he has represented company in civil, labor and aviation law legal disputes, alongside maintaining a position as an academic speaker (2015-present). Berin maintains a position as air law instructor at Institute of Air and Space Law Aerohelp in Sankt-Peterburg, Russia and he had been working for the 2 past years as external associate for Air Help (Passenger Rights in BiH). He is in also charge for international public and private air law agreements, labour law, court representation, data protection, procurement, lease, and aviation agreements.

He has been elected by EASA as EASA Independent Aviation Expert for Air Law and Airports in 2015 and 2019. In 2014 has obtained IATA Aviation Law Diploma and in 2018. He has obtained ICAO/ACI Airport Management Accreditation diploma and he earned his doctorate in 2020.

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

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

He has finished ICAO/ACI Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme in 2019 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, Contract negotiations - 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. Liberalisation of the market – Open Sky Agreements
5. Chicago Convention

He is specialized also in national civil, labour, data protection law.

He is the author on aviation law matters, as follows:

1. International Jurisdiction of Courts in Legal Disputes for Compensation of Damage in International Air Passenger Transportation (2012) - Legal Thought
  2. Air Carrier Liability for Damage Occasioned by Delay (2012) – LEGAL Thought
  3. Special Case of Unification: Regulation 261/2004 Establishing Common Rules on Compensation and Assistance to Passengers in the Event of Denied Boarding and Cancellation or Long Delay of Flights (2012),
  4. International Sources of Air Law and International Civil Aviation Organizations (2013) Law Adviser
  5. Airport Liability for Bird strikes – The Aviation & Space Journal, Year XIV, No April, June 2015
  6. Legal Aspects of the Directive 2009/12 on Airport Charges (2016) – Legal Thought
  7. Directive 96/67 on access to groundhandling market - 11th, Bird Strike Croatia Conference April 2016.
  8. Notion of “Accident” in terms of Montreal Convention and Warsaw System – Law Adviser, No 7-8/2016
  9. Legal Effects and Review of the Regulation 1107/2006 (Disabled Persons and Persons with Reduced Mobility when Travelling by Air) (2017). –Aviation & Space Journal
  10. Liability Of Airport Operator For Damage in International Carriage of Cargo-Representation IssueAviation & Space Journal January – March 2019, Year XVIII – Republic of Italy
  11. Liberalisation of Ground Handling Market in EU, 2018 – 2019 – New Legal Review Summary
1. Legal Adviser at Sarajevo International Airport – 13 years of aviation, international law, labor and civil law experience
  2. Court representation
  3. Phd in International Air Law
  4. IATA Aviation Law Diploma
  5. ICAO/ACI Airport Management Professional Accreditation Programme Diploma
  6. EASA Independent Aviation Expert for Air Law and Airports
  7. Air Law Instructor - Institute of Air and Space Law Aerohelp in Sankt-Peterburg, Russia
  8. MS Office – MS Word and Excel knowledge
  9. Civil law, data protection, labor law, international, public and private international law
  10. Speaker at International Law Conferences
  11. Author on aviation law matters



# MICHAEL SIEBOLD

**MH MANAGEMENT GMBH  
PARTNER**

GERMANY

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Central to Michael's distinguished legal journey are international mergers and acquisitions, corporate transactions, and reorganisations as well as large infrastructure projects. His legal acumen also encompasses sports and entertainment law, sponsoring, real property law, international project management, and financing—primarily within the dynamic logistics and stadia and arena sectors.

A founding partner of ARNECKE SIEBOLD, Michael has steadfastly evolved through three decades, transitioning from a managing partner to the esteemed role of Senior Partner at ARNECKE SIBETH DABELSTEIN, today emeritus. This premier German law firm comprised approximately 150 fee earners across 6 offices in Germany.

Michael's academic journey traversed Munich, London (UK), and Toronto (Canada), culminating in the attainment of a Master's degree from the University of Toronto. Michael was admitted to the German Bar

## EXPERIENCE

ARNECKE SIBETH DABELSTEIN | Senior Partner  
2019 – 2023 (now emeritus)

ARNECKE SIBETH DABELSTEIN | Managing Partner  
1989 - 2018

After his career as described above, Michael now operates his own consultancy firm mh management und unternehmensberatungs gmbh, Munich, where he is engaged in primarily law firm management consulting and coaching of young professionals; he is also a sought-after board member.

Michael's diverse expertise encompasses a broad spectrum of practice areas, including Mergers and Acquisitions, Company Law, Engineering, Industrial Projects, International Delivery of Goods, Real Estate Finance, Commercial Property, Legal Project Management, Property Development, Planning, and Sports and Entertainment Law, as well as Media, Press, and Publishing Law. His proficiency extends across sectors such as Automotive, Energy/Renewables, Hospitality, Real Estate, Sports, Media and Entertainment, Transportation, Aviation, and Logistics. With a seasoned understanding of these domains, Michael has honed his skills to address complex challenges within a range of industries.

Michael, in addition to his profound mastery of various practice areas, brings his insights to bear on a multitude of sectors. From Automotive to Energy/Renewables, Hospitality to Real Estate, and Sports to Media and Entertainment, his well-rounded experience spans across Transportation, Aviation, and Logistics. This comprehensive expertise empowers him to provide strategic counsel that resonates effectively within a diverse array of industries.

## World Airport Lawyers Association (WALA) | Vice President 2014 - Present

As Vice President of the World Airport Lawyers Association (WALA) since 2014, Michael has played a pivotal role in shaping the organization's strategic direction. His steadfast commitment and expertise have contributed to its ongoing success and influence within the aviation and legal sectors.

## Interlaw | Chairman 2012 - 2018

Michael, as the Chair of Interlaw, has spearheaded global legal collaboration, facilitating cross-border insights and expertise for diverse legal matters. His leadership has nurtured a robust network of legal professionals, fostering a dynamic platform for international legal cooperation and knowledge exchange.

## DKG German Canadian Association | Chairman Emeritus/ President 2003 - Present

As the Chairman Emeritus and present President of the DKG - German Canadian Association, Michael has played a pivotal role in fostering cultural exchange and collaboration between Germany and Canada. His leadership has significantly contributed to strengthening the bond between the two nations and promoting mutual understanding.

## Education

### LLM (Master of Laws) | 1986

University of Toronto,  
Toronto, Canada

### Legal Clerkship | 1983- 86

District Court, Munich,  
Germany

### Law | 1983

LMU, Munich, Germany

## Honours & Memberships

### INTERLAW.

Board member for 13 Years &  
Chairman for 6 Years



Vice President for 8+ Years



Chairman of the Permanent  
Court of Arbitration at LSB  
Hessen



President of the DKG – German  
Canadian Association



Non-executive Board Member

## Publications



Global Legal Services in a  
Disruptive World | 2018



Anwaltskanzleien in Zeiten  
von Groß-Fusionen – Does  
Size Matter| 2016



Profitability, M & A and  
Corporate Restructuring |  
2016



# MICHAEL SIEBOLD

**MH MANAGEMENT GMBH  
PARTNER**

GERMANY

Michael Siebold is a highly experienced senior partner (emeritus) in the legal services industry, co-founder of the firm ASD – Arecke Sibeth Dabelstein, Germany. His expertise lies in the areas of infrastructure projects (airports, logistics, sports & entertainment venues), event management, international relations and legal project management. He is, amongst other positions, the Vice President of WALA and a consulting expert and coach in the professional services industry.



# ATTILA SIPOS

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