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The Developing Landscape
of Aviation Regulations

Programme & Speaker Bios

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The Dome 2, Luiss Campus
at Viale Romania 32, Rome

5:00 pm Registration and Welcome Coffee

5:30 pm Opening Speeches

Aristide Police

Dean, Luiss School of Law and Professor of
Administrative Law, Luiss University, Italy

Laura Pierallini

Name Partner at Pierallini Studio Legale,
Luiss University, Italy, General Moderator

5:50 pm Navigating Aviation Disputes Along Italian and European Waves

David Bartlett

Legal Solution Provider at Aerial, United Kingdom

Cyril-Igor Grigorieff

Partner at Bournonville Grigorieff -Adjunct Professor
of Air Law at Université Paris Saclay

Andreas Zettergren

Partner at Mannheimer Swartling, Sweden

Diego Ferrari

Senior Partner at Cambiaso & Ferrari, Argentina

Gabriella Muscolo

Of Counsel at Rucellai & Raffaelli Studio Legale, former
Judge at the Court of Rome and former Commissioner at
the Italian Antitrust Authority - AGCM - Autorita' Garante
della Concorrenza e del Mercato, Italy

Gianluigi Ascenzi

Partner at Pierallini Studio Legale, Italy

Marco Marchegiani

Partner at Pierallini Studio Legale, Italy

Roland Kuesters

Senior Underwriter & Senior Legal Counsel,
Syndic at Munich RE, Germany

13 June 2025

Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & SPA,
Via Frescobaldi 5

9:00 am Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:30 am Opening Speeches

Pierluigi Di Palma

President of the Italian CAA - ENAC, Italy and
President of the Osservatorio sul trasporto aereo
"Antonio Catricalà", Luiss School of Law

Pablo Mendes de Leon

Professor of Air and Space Law, The Netherlands

9:50 am Focus on Sustainable Aviation Fuel: What Is Needed and Expected from Regulators and Governments

Moderator

Laura Pierallini

Name Partner at Pierallini Studio Legale,
Luiss University, Italy

Addressing Today's Challenges and Preparing for the Future

Nicolas Rallo

Regional Director EUR/NAT "European and North
Atlantic" for the ICAO, France

Rita Sousa Uva

Senior Legal Advisor at EASA, Germany

Sustainable Aviation Fuel: What Is Needed and Expected from Regulators and Governments

Joerg Eberhart

Chief Executive Officer at ITA Airways, Italy

Mildred Troegeler

Executive Liaison to ICAO at Boeing, Canada

Andrea Marotta

Director of Environment and Sustainable Mobility at
the Italian CAA - ENAC, Italy

Safety in Helicopter Operations

Fabio Nicolai

Deputy Director of the Italian CAA - ENAC, Italy

Donatella Catapano

Vice President Legal Affairs at Leonardo Helicopters,
Italy

Flight Safety and Just Culture

Katja van Bijsterveldt

Aviation Public Prosecutor of the Netherlands,
The Netherlands

Peter Neenan

Partner at Stewarts, United Kingdom

Grégory Laville de la Plaigne

Partner at Clyde&Co, France

11:30 am Focus on Passenger Experience and Legal Issues

Moderators

Mia Wouters

Attorney at Law at GDS Advocaten,
University of Ghent, Belgium

Linda Ristagno

Assistant Director, External Affairs/Global Accessibility
& Tourism at IATA, Switzerland

Travel Package Review in Europe

Claudia Hess

Partner at Urwantschky Dangel Borst, Germany

Diego Olmedo de Cáceres

Co-Founder of PionAirLaw, Spain

The Need for Enhancing Airport Capacity

Alessandra Priante

President of ENIT, Italy

Michael Tegethoff

Legal Counsel and Attorney-at-law at Munich Airport,
Germany

Marilena Blasi

Chief Business Unit Commercial at Aeroporti di Roma,
Italy

Baggage Policy

Maaïke Lustenhouwer

Attorney at Law at AKD N.V., The Netherlands

Sergi Gimenez

Partner at Augusta Abogados, Spain

1:00 pm Networking Lunch

2:00 pm Focus on Passenger Data Systems in Connection with Data Privacy Laws

Moderator

Vincent Correia

Professor of Air Law and Co-Director of the Institute of
Air and Space Law at McGill University, Canada

Implementation of API and PNR

Stéphanie Golinvaux

Partner at AdaStone, Belgium

Anna Konert

Attorney-at-Law, Professor of Law, Director of Lazarski
Aviation Academy and Dean of the Faculty of Law and
Administration at Lazarski University, Poland

Sebastiano Vecchia

Director of Security at the Italian CAA - ENAC, Italy

*Travel Document Integrity
and Border Control*

Linda Ristagno

Assistant Director, External Affairs/ Global
Accessibility & Tourism at IATA

Nóra Rabe

General Counsel, Head of Legal at Wizz Air, Hungary

Lydia Johansson

Liability Manager at Scandinavian Airlines System,
Sweden

2:50 pm Focus on Multimodal and Intermodal Transport: Risks and Opportunities

Moderator

Steven Truxal
Professor and Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law (IIASL) at Leiden University, The Netherlands

Policy and Legal Context of Multimodal Transport

Jinyoung (Jin) Choi
Safety consultant, Royal Netherlands Aerospace Centre (NLR), lecturer and external Ph.D. at Institute of Air and Space Law (IIASL) at Leiden University, The Netherlands

Mario Alovise
Chief Marketing & Product Officer of Trenitalia, Italy

Disruptions in intermodal travel: managing risks and uncertainty

Marina Bottelli
Chief Executive Officer at Swissport Italia, Italy
Flavio Ghiringhelli
Country Manager Italy at Emirates, President of IBAR, Member of the board of tourism group and Member of the board of transports, logistics & Infrastructure group at Assolombarda, Italy

Implications for Air Traffic Management (ATM) of Intermodal Transport

Maurizio Paggetti
Chief Operating Officer at ENAV S.p.A., Italy
Hugo Ramos Alves
Professor at Lisbon School of Law and Partner at Legal Approach, Portugal

4:30 pm Focus on Innovation with Innovators in Air Transport

Moderator

Donal Patrick Hanley
Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University, Canada

Alessio Costantini
President of The Italian Helicopters Association (AEI), Italy

Rajesh Singh
Special Director at IndiGo, India

Serap Zuvin
Partner at Cakmak Attorneys at Law, Turkey

Roberto Scaramella
Partner Transportation, Aerospace & Defense at Oliver Wyman, Italy

Eduardo Carrillo de Albornoz
Managing Director at Boeing Research & Technology Europe and Brazil, Spain

5:30pm Wrap-Up and Farewell Drink

Laura Pierallini



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 (2018-2025) 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, 2022 and 2025 and Italian lawyer of the year in Aviation Finance at Legal Community Finance Awards 2024.

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 in 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.

Pierluigi Di Palma



Pierluigi Di Palma was born in Grottaglie in 1956. Since the 1st of July 2021, he has been **President of the Italian Civil Aviation Authority (Enac)**.

Mr. Di Palma graduated in Law from "La Sapienza" University in Rome.

From 1984 to 1989, he practised as State Attorney with relevant professional experience at the District Attorneys' Offices of Catanzaro, Bologna and Rome. State Lawyer since 1989, he was first based in

Florence before moving to Rome in 1991 at the "Avvocatura Generale dello Stato". From 1998 to 2003, Pierluigi Di Palma was Director General of Enac. He served as legal advisor to the Ministers of Transport and Navigation, the Environment, and Trade and Industry, as well as Head of

Cabinet of the Emilia-Romagna Region and Head of the Legislative Office of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Mr. Di Palma was also President of the Interministerial Board for the Security of Air Transportation and Airports (CISA), Head of the ENAC and ENAV Representative Office to Community and European Institutions (EURICE), Deputy Secretary General of Defense from 2011 to 2014, and member of the Appeals Board of the European Space Agency (ESA) from 2011 to 2017. In 2006, Pierluigi Di Palma founded the Study Center DE.ME.TRA. (Development of European Mediterranean Transportation), with the aim of promoting training, legal, administrative and economic initiatives in the aerospace sector.

Pablo Mendes De Leon



Pablo Mendes de Leon maintains a vast range of memberships in organisations that work to combine law and practice of aviation law and policy. Among others, he is **Professor of air and space law, The Hague, The Netherlands**, guest professor of air law at various universities in Europe and worldwide, Professor honoris causa, at the Northwest University of Politics and Law (NUPL), Xi'An, and the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Nanjing, China, President of the European Air Law Association (EALA), a Board Member of the editorial committee of Air and Space Law, the Director of the Series of Publications in International Aviation law and Policy with Kluwer Law International, Co-Editor of the Aviation and Space Journal, Bologna University, Italy, Member of the Advisory Board of the Journal of Air Law and Commerce (JALC), Member of the Global Council of CANSO (Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation), based in Brussels, Member of the Panel of Experts, Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Member of the Advisory committee of the Korea Institute of Air & Space Law, Hanul Professional Law Corp., Member of the Expert Group, of the Dutch Safety Board, The Hague, Board Member of the KLM-Air France foundation, judge ad hoc at the District Court of Haarlem and speaker at multiple European and global conferences.

Nicolas Rallo



Mr. Nicolas Rallo is the **Regional Director of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) European and North Atlantic (EUR/NAT) Office**, based in Paris, France. The EUR/NAT Office serves 56 States across Europe, Central Asia, and North Africa, supporting ICAO's strategic objectives in aviation safety, air navigation capacity and efficiency, security and facilitation, environmental protection, and the sustainable development of air transport.

Mr. Rallo brings over 30 years of progressive experience in civil aviation. Since joining ICAO in 2003, he has held several key positions, including Chief of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP). Over his 20 years' experience with the USOAP, he conducted safety

oversight audits in about 100 States, focusing particularly on legal and organizational frameworks as well as accident and incident investigation systems.

Before assuming his current role, Mr. Rallo served in the South-East Asia and Pacific regions, where he provided technical and strategic implementation support to States. His international career also includes significant experience in crisis management. Notably, in 2020, he was appointed by the ICAO Secretary General to lead the coordination of the ICAO Secretariat's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to his tenure at ICAO, Mr. Rallo worked as an aircraft accident and incident investigator, and held roles in aerodrome safety and environmental protection in both France and Brazil.

A dual national of France and Italy, Mr. Rallo holds a Master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a Postgraduate degree in Human Factors for the Design of Aerospace Human-Machine Systems. He is fluent in English, French, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese.

Rita Sousa Uva



Rita Sousa Uva, born in Porto, Portugal in 1972, is a Portuguese **lawyer, author and academic, specializing in aviation law**. Her career reflects a blend of practical experience and scholarly pursuits.

Ms. Sousa Uva's legal career began with her graduation in Law from the University of Lisbon in 1995 and subsequent admission to the Portuguese Bar Association in 1997. She then worked as a lawyer for ANA Aeroportos de Portugal S.A. from 1999 to 2010, gaining experience in the aviation sector, also as a regular lecturer of Air Law, an activity she still embraces today.

While at ANA, she pursued advanced studies, earning a Master of Advanced Studies in Air and Space Law (cum laude) from Leiden University, Netherlands, in 2005. Her thesis, ""European Community State Aid Policy for public airports: reality versus law?"" was published in 2008 (Almedina, Coimbra).

In 2010, Ms. Sousa Uva joined the Legal Department of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in Cologne, Germany. Now a Senior Legal Advisor, her work at EASA focuses on Public International Air Law and European Air Law, particularly ICAO matters, international cooperation, rulemaking, certification, and oversight within the aviation safety domain. Her expertise also encompasses cyber security and artificial intelligence within the context of aviation safety. Between 2021 and 2023, she was the Diversity & Inclusion Ambassador for EASA. In 2024, she took on the role of Coordinator of the Network of Legal Advisers, a network of aviation legal advisors within the EU, hosted and created by EASA. Since 2021, she has been furthering her academic qualifications as a PhD candidate at the Institute of Air, Space and Cyber Law of the University of Cologne.

Alongside her legal career, Ms. Sousa Uva is also an accomplished author and columnist. Between 2016 and 2023, she contributed to the Portugal Post newspaper (Germany). She published the books *Crónicas d'Agripina*

and O Cometa Laranja and contributed to compilations such as Contos da Emigração – Homens Que Sofrem de Sonhos and Poetas na Diáspora – Antologia (Oxalá Editora, Germany).

Published articles include:

- The open skies rulings and the internal aviation market
- European Community State Aid Policy for public airports: reality versus law? The legal nature of airport slots
- EASA's new fields of competence in the certification of aerodromes The International Dimension of EASA Under the New Basic Regulation
- The role of Aviation Safety "Soft Law" in the European Union Regulatory Landscape
- The role of Aviation Safety "Soft Law" in the European Union Regulatory Landscape – Revisited
- COVID-19 Pandemic and the Measures Taken by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency The Role of Arbitration in International Civil Aviation Disputes"

Joerg Eberhart



Graduated in Business Administration at the University of Tübingen, Joerg has an extensive background in the aviation sector. He began as a flight attendant for Lufthansa in the early 1990s, later becoming a pilot and then a captain of Airbus A320, holding an active license. After a successful entrepreneurial experience in the start-up field (including Autoscout24, among others), he held several managerial positions within the Lufthansa Group, including Managing Director of a joint venture between DHL and Lufthansa Cargo, Aerologic GmbH, and head of the Score project, which achieved an EBIT improvement of approximately 1 billion euros for the Group. From 2014 to 2021, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Air Dolomiti and Lufthansa CityLine, managing a total of 3500 employees and achieving various milestones as the rollover of turpoprop fleet into Embraer jet, development of Flight Safety operating model according to Lufthansa Group standards and commercial integration into Lufthansa commercial applications and processes. In 2021, he rejoined the Lufthansa Group, taking on the role of Executive Vice President Strategy, Organizational Development & M&A. In this capacity, he initiated the Group's Cultural Journey program and led negotiations with the Italian government for the acquisition of a stake in ITA Airways. Since January 15, 2025, he has been Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of ITA Airways. Previously a lecturer in "Airline Management" at the Polytechnic University of Milan, he holds dual German and Italian citizenship and has been awarded the honor of Knight of the Star of Italy for his efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mildred Troegeler



Executive Liaison to ICAO The Boeing Company

Mildred Troegeler is the executive liaison to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). In this role, she works closely with ICAO and the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA) on global and regional initiatives for a safer and more sustainable aerospace ecosystem. Most recently, Troegeler has also served as director of Global Regulatory Strategy for Boeing's Chief Aerospace Safety Office and as director of Global Airspace Integration for Boeing NeXt, a business division dedicated to building a safe, sustainable and seamless future mobility ecosystem.

Previously, Troegeler served as the director of Technical & Regulatory Affairs for Boeing Europe. In that role, she was responsible for representing Boeing interests with all European institutions. Before Boeing, she was the technical and operations general manager at the Association of European Airlines (AEA). Troegeler also shaped space policies at the United Nations as a legal and policy advisor to the German Aerospace Center.

Troegeler holds a law degree with a specialization in economics and competition law from the University of Bonn; and a postgraduate Master of Laws in air and space law from the University of Leiden. She is a board member of the NATO Maritime Unmanned Systems Innovation Advisory Board.

Andrea Marotta



Andrea Marotta started his career as a Lawyer in the administrative sector. He has a Ph.D. in Legal Sciences and Theory of Law and a Specialization in European Studies. As an Expert in European Law, he worked for the Treasury Department of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, in Rome, dealing with Competition, public resources grants and State Aid.

He began his Enac career in 2010, where he has held a variety of positions including Director of Investments, Airport Director of Calabria Airports, Director of Transport Development & Licensing, Air Transport Regulation & Environment.

Currently he is the **Director of Environment & Sustainable Mobility, focusing on Alternative Environmentally compatible Fuels (cleaner Energies) and Noise reduction in Airports.**

He is also the coordinator of the National Observatory on SAF, an Enac initiative seeking a continuing dialogue with all the stakeholders, including Universities and Research Centres for sustainable Air Transport.

Fabio Nicolai



Deputy Director General at ENAC

January 2025 Italian CAA-ENAC Acting Director General

November 2023 Italian CAA-ENAC Appointed Deputy Director General.

October 2023 May 2024 Italian CAA-ENAC Technical Standard and Aeronautical Operations Directorate Director.

October 2019 - October 2023 Italian CAA-ENAC Aviation Regulation Directorate Director. The Directorate has the duty to coordinate the Aeromedical section and the following Directions: Airports and Airspace, Airworthiness, Security, Personnel and Flight Operations, Air Transport and Environment.

September 2021 Adjunct Professor of ICAO Regulations and Safety Management System for the MSc in Aeronautical Engineering, at Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering - Sapienza University in Rome.

October 2020 appointed Italian Representative on the EASA Committee and EASA Member States' Advisory Body – MAB. Also nominated Alternate Representative on EASA Management Board and Blue Med Governing Body.

November 2019 – June 2024 Project Leader EU Twinning Project Lebanon Civil Aviation Authority-ENAC "Supporting Civil Aviation Authorities in Lebanon in the fields of Safety and Security".

March 2016-September 2019 Nominated by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Alternate Representative of Italy on the Council of International Civil Aviation Organization – ICAO, also appointed Italian Representative on the following Council's Committees Air Transport, Joint Support of Air Navigation Services, and Unlawful Interference. In 2017, appointed Observer on the Air Navigation Commission and Member of the Secretariat Study Group on Cybersecurity.

2014-2015 EU Twinning Project Egypt Civil Aviation Authority-ENAC "Supporting Civil Aviation Authorities in Egypt in the fields of Safety and Security" responsible of Aviation Safety and Security Inspectors Training, and Implementation of Safety Management System modules.

2011-2015 Italian advisor on ICAO Flight Operations Panel.

2010-2015 European Air Safety Committee Italian expert.

Commercial Pilot. Flight Instructor VFR and IFR..

Donatella Catapano



Results-driven legal professional with over 25 years of experience in law firms and multinational corporations across Energy, Transportation, Space and Aerospace & Defense sectors. Holds an MBA from HULT International Business School in London and a Law Degree at LUISS in Rome. Admitted to the Practice in Italian Courts. Currently Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs at Leonardo S.p.A – Helicopter Division, overseeing legal strategy, compliance, and high-stakes contract. Expertise spans international contracts, M&A, litigation, intellectual property rights, and corporate affairs. Fast-thinking and strategic, with a proven track record advising

and assisting top executives. Previously served as Head of International Contracts at AgustaWestland S.p.A., managing public tenders, joint ventures in regions like the USA and China, India and Algeria, and litigation. Held senior legal roles at Finmeccanica S.p.A., advising on financial transactions and corporate contracts, and at Telespazio S.p.A. and Ansaldo Energia S.p.A., focusing on national and international contracts and intellectual property. Board Members experience includes AgustaWestland S.p.A., and currently KOPTER Group AG. Awarded with the "Ambrogino d'Oro" by the municipality of Milan in 2023 and with a Star of Merit in 2022 (Maestro del Lavoro) by the President of the Italian Republic. Cofounder of "Liberi Dentro" ("Free Inside"), a voluntary Association for supporting inmates of the San Vittore prison in Milan. Member of the Board of Editors of "The Aviation & Space Journal" and Lecturer at the University of Bologna for Shipping and Aviation Law and speaker at global conferences. Fluent in Italian, English, and French.

Katja van Bijsterveldt



(Senior) Aviation Public Prosecutor of the Netherlands

Katja van Bijsterveldt has been the Dutch Aviation Public Prosecutor since 1 September 2019. She handles all criminal aviation cases of the Public Prosecution Service in the Netherlands. In doing so, she works together with the Dutch aviation police. She also deals with aviation policy-related tasks, including with regard to drones and counterdrones operations. On 1 January 2024, she and her aviation colleagues set up the Aviation Expertise Centre for the Public Prosecution Service, with its own webpage (www.prosecutionservice.nl/topics/aviation). Among other things, this page publishes all settlement decisions in criminal aviation cases. Besides aviation, Katja deals with criminal investigations in which police officers may have committed a criminal offence, during their work or in private time.

Katja has been a Public Prosecutor since 1 October 1999 and has held various portfolios since her appointment (among others youth, traffic incidents, sexual violence, medical issues, high-impact crimes).

Peter Neenan



Peter Neenan is a dual qualified **English solicitor and Illinois attorney and a Partner in the Aviation Department at Stewarts**. He specialises in technically complex multi-jurisdictional aviation matters and is known for working on the department's most high-profile cases. He holds two master's degrees in Theoretical Physics and Advanced Air & Space Law and a nanodegree in Artificial Intelligence Programming (with a further nanodegree in Computer Vision currently being completed). Peter regularly acts for victims of aviation accidents world-wide (light

aircraft, helicopter and airline accidents), and leads the department's independent technical investigations. Peter currently acts for the family of Leicester City Football Club Chairman, Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha in their fatal accident product liability claim arising out of a private helicopter crash at the LCFC ground in 2018. Other recent highlights include acting for the family of Lord Ballyedmond following his private helicopter crash at his estate, acting for families of the Chapecoense Football Club players and board members in a novel claim against Aon for broker negligence following the LaMia airline disaster in Colombia in 2016, acting for families of passengers from both Boeing 737 Max cases (Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET302 and Lion Air Flight JT610) and acting for families of passengers of the Malaysia Airlines Flights MH17 shootdown over Ukraine. Additionally, Peter advises on commercial aviation matters with an interest in liability issues arising out of the commercial use of drone and AAM technology. Peter sits on the inter-departmental commercial aviation disputes team, the Generative Artificial Intelligence Working Group and the AI Steering Committee at Stewarts. He was part of the expert panel contributing to the Royal Aeronautical Society's President's Briefing Paper on 'Shaping the Future of Advanced Air Mobility Safety' published in May 2024 and the RAeS committee responding to the Law Commission consultation on Aviation Autonomy in 2024 and 2025. Peter is the current Chairman of the Air Law Group of the Royal Aeronautical Society in London and has been delivering annual lectures on Claimant Aviation Litigation for the Advanced Air & Space Law LLM programme at Leiden University, Netherlands, for 15 years. He is ranked Band 1 in Chambers & Partners for Aviation: Claimant, ranked as a Leading Partner in Legal 500 and listed in Lawdragon's top 500 Global Plaintiff Lawyers.

Gregory Laville de la Plaigne



Grégory Laville de la Plaigne is a **partner with the aviation and litigation practice at Clyde & Co, based in the Paris office**. He represents airlines and their insurers, and other stakeholders in the aviation industry. His expertise spans dispute resolution, litigation, arbitration, and general advisory matters, both contentious and non-contentious. He has been involved in most of the recent major air losses. He also has significant experience in product liability matters, and his strong dispute resolution background includes multi-jurisdictional litigation as well as international arbitration. Grégory also advises airlines on regulatory and consumer protection matters.

He is a regular speaker at prestigious aviation conferences and has addressed such critical topics as climate change impact on airlines and greenwashing risks. In May 2024, he was a speaker on a panel on greenwashing risks at the Sustainable Aviation Futures (SAF) Congress - Europe. He has authored a large number of articles and reference works, including "The Montreal Convention: A Commentary" (2023) and guides on aviation law in France.

Prior to joining Clyde & Co in 2011, he was a lecturer and researcher in Public International Law at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

and a tutor in Public Law, International Economic Law and International Investment Law. Gregory has a Master (DEA) in Public Law from the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and was admitted to the Paris Bar in 2011.

Grégory's expertise is widely recognised by leading international rankings, including Chambers and Partners, Legal 500 (Clyde & Co's aviation practice is Tier-1), Best Lawyers in France™ and Who's Who Legal.

Mia Wouters



Mia is a **partner with GDS advocaten** in the Brussels office. She and her team, which is put together according to the needs of the file in order to obtain the maximum result for the client, solve problems and represent the interest of companies in all aspects of air transport operations. This involves dealing with day to day contracts to managing the more complicated relations with third parties/countries, security and safety issues or setting up airlines. She represents airlines, regional airports, loss adjusters and insurance companies, and works with regulators all over the world.

In sum Mia is actively involved in the full range of legal issues arising in the aviation and tourism industry.

Since 2018, she serves on the Board of Directors of Challenge Airlines BE, a Belgian based cargo airline.

In 2009, Mia was appointed Professor of Aviation Law at the University of Gent at the Department of European, Public and International Law.

She is a director of the European Aviation Club, and serves on the Committee of the UK based Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) Brussels Branch. She is a past Chair of the Aviation Law Committee of the IBA-International Bar Association and one of the founding members of the International Aviation Women's Association (IAWA).

Linda Ristagno



Linda Ristagno, Assistant Director, External Affairs – Infrastructure and Customer Experience- IATA, Geneva

Since 2018, Linda has passionately advocated for a safe and dignified customer experience, championing accessibility across all segments of the travel and tourism industry. Her involvement in the UN Tourism event, which led to the historic San Marino Declaration in 2023, firmly established IATA as a global leader for travel and tourism. In 2024, she had the privilege of speaking at the first-ever G7 Summit on Disability, proudly showcasing the aviation industry's commitment to accessible air travel. Linda serves as the Secretary of the IATA Working Group on Accessibility, co-chairs the US Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Accessible Aviation and is a member of the newly formed Task and Finish Task Force under the UK Secretary of State for Transport.

With an Executive master's degree in advocacy, International Negotiation, and Policymaking from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Linda balances her career with the joys of being a mother to two wonderful girls.

Claudia Hess



Claudia Hess **joined Urwantschky Dangel Borst in April 2007 and became a partner in 2012.**

She graduated from the law school of the University of Passau and completed a law and language education in English, French and Chinese law. She completed her legal traineeship at the Higher Regional Court Nuremberg. Moreover, she has studied at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China, and has worked in Beijing for a German-Chinese law firm and a German automobile manufacturer as well as for the Sichuan-American Chamber of Commerce in Chengdu, China.

In the firm, Claudia handles cases for airlines and their insurers worldwide related to German and EU law. She provides advice and assistance out of court and she represents her clients in court proceedings and in proceedings initiated by administrative bodies.

Claudia deals with cases and queries involving liability and regulatory issues, compliance, commercial, contractual and data protection matters as well as claims related to EU regulations and international treaties. She also represents airlines in cases initiated by consumer protection agencies based on alleged unfair practices and unfair competition. Claudia drafts and reviews terms and conditions as well as data protection policies and assists airlines in complying with the requirements of German and EU. She also provides advice on the legal landscape concerning drones.

Claudia Hess is fluent in German, English, French and Chinese (Mandarin). Claudia is regularly invited as a speaker and panellist to international air law conferences. She is recommended as an aviation lawyer in various legal publications such as Who's Who Legal, Legal 500 etc. In 2015 and 2016, she was nominated a Rising Star by Expert Guides – Aviation and in 2019 and 2020, she was nominated a Thought Leader by Who's Who Legal.

She regularly writes articles in air law publications and contributes to legal guides on aviation law.

Diego Olmedo de Cáceres



Co-Founder of PionAirLaw

Diego Olmedo de Cáceres is the co-founder of PionAirLaw, a specialized aviation law firm he established in September 2022. Bringing over 14 years of dedicated experience, Diego's expertise is rooted in defending airlines, supported by his tenure at prominent UK law firms such as DAC Beachcroft and Clyde & Co. During his time with these firms, he handled high-stakes air accident cases, including the Spanair disaster (2008) and

the Germanwings and A400M accidents (2015). Diego is also accredited as an air accident investigator through the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, adding a valuable technical insight to his legal practice. At PionAirLaw, Diego offers a comprehensive and forward-thinking approach to aviation law, focusing especially on efficient and innovative solutions for the full range of airline-related legal issues. One of his key areas of specialization is managing passenger claims under the Montreal and Warsaw Conventions and EU Regulation EC261. Through the strategic use of legal technology, Diego's firm has defended over 25,000 claims for both national and international carriers. In 2024 PionAirLaw is achieving notable results, successfully representing clients across Spain and even before the European Court of Justice. Beyond litigation, Diego provides airlines with end-to-end support, including defense in regulatory sanctioning procedures, assistance in multijurisdictional disputes, contract negotiation, and guidance on the legal structuring of Spanish operations. Diego is an active participant in academic and professional forums, including the Madrid Bar Association. He frequently lectures on aviation law and related topics, solidifying his role as a thought leader in the field. Currently, as President of the Legal Committee for Spain's Airline Association (ALA), Diego plays an instrumental role in advocating for the industry's legal interests, providing a strong voice for airlines in both regulatory and industry discussions. Fluent in Spanish, English, and Portuguese, Diego combines linguistic skills with a deep understanding of the regional and international landscape, positioning him as a critical asset to airlines navigating complex legal challenges within Spain and across borders.

Robert Lawson KC



Robert Lawson KC has been in legal practice as a barrister since 1990, first at the independent Bar in London and since 2017 as a partner in the London office of Clyde & Co LLP. He was appointed Queen's Counsel (QC) in 2009 (with this title converting automatically to King's Counsel (KC) in September 2022 on the change of the UK's Monarch) and is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Throughout his career Rob has focussed upon the world of, and law relating to, aviation related liability, regulation and contentious work. He has acted and advised in many of the most notable aviation related disputes with an English or English law nexus that have arisen over the last three decades. Rob has been recognised as a leading practitioner in aviation by all of the major legal directories and named: a Global Elite Thought Leader by Lexology for both contentious aviation and aviation regulatory, 2025; a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer, 2025; Best Lawyers' Transport: Aviation Law - London Lawyer of the Year 2023; Legal 500's Individual (London) of the Year 2020; and Who's Who Legal's Aviation - Regulatory Lawyer of the Year 2020.

Alessandra Priante



Alessandra is the **President of ENIT SpA**, the Italian Tourism Board. In this role, she Presides the Board of Directors, designs the strategy and represents the Company abroad.

As an Economist with extensive international and diplomatic experience, she served as Director for Europe at the United Nations Agency for Tourism (UN Tourism), being the first woman and first Italian in the agency's history to hold such a prestigious position. In this role, she managed the agency's most significant region, comprising 43 Member States representing 51% of the global tourism market. During her tenure, she enhanced Member States' satisfaction by introducing dynamic and effective projects and work methods, engaging the global private sector significantly, thus contributing to increased financial contributions to the agency.

Alessandra also adeptly managed the pandemic period - the most severe crisis for the global tourism sector - spearheading impactful initiatives such as the Global Tourism Crisis Committee and various global technical committees, positioning UN Tourism at the heart of European and global institutions. During this productive professional period, she positioned Italy at the center of global initiatives, from the global communication campaign for tourism recovery (#RestartTourism) launched on July 1, 2020, in Rome, to the organization of the first World Summit of Youth on Sustainable Tourism in Sorrento.

She is a graduate of Bocconi University in Business Economics, with two Master degrees including an executive MBA from Luiss Guido Carli University, fluent in six foreign languages (bilingual in Italian and English) and with a great passion for the public sector, she resumed the reins of the national tourism policy in 2015 after an exceptional five-year diplomatic mission in the Persian Gulf as a special envoy of the Government. The diplomatic project, that she herself conceived, aimed at promoting Italy's cultural and educational heritage in the UAE, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain. The mission stemmed from Alessandra's excellent results achieved in the early 2000s in the field of cultural heritage and audiovisuals, where she served as head of studies and international relations.

Upon her return, she quickly restored Italy to a central position in key international platforms, from UNWTO (World Tourism Organization) to OECD, Europe, and the BlueMed, Eusair, and Eusalp strategies. As an expert in policy, particularly in economic and financial analysis, Alessandra coordinated the construction of a robust national database and contributed to the drafting of the national strategic plan 2017-2020, governance reforms, and the challenging transition of tourism from culture vs. agriculture in 2018. In addition to this demanding role with the government in 2018-2019, she served as head of international relations and protocol at MiPAAFT.

Author of numerous publications, she has taught at various Italian universities and is currently an associate professor at Luiss Business School and a Research fellow at the Corporate Strategy Research Center at Luiss Guido Carli University. She is passionate about music, cinema (also a member of the European Film Academy), art, and good cuisine. She loves her work, reading, traveling, her family, friends, and AS Roma!

Michael Tegethoff



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, Turkey, and Bulgaria. 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 a variety of legal topics including ground handling agreements and is a fellow of the European Air Law Association and the German 'Luftrechtsforum'.

Marilena Blasi



Marilena Blasi is currently **Chief BU Commercial at Aeroporti di Roma**. She graduated in Mathematics and began her career at Accenture in 1999, working with telecommunications companies. In 2004, she joined IGT (gaming), holding roles in Supply Chain, Customer Care, and Trade Marketing, and later became Vice President of the Lotto Business Unit. In 2017, she was appointed Vice President of Customer Management Operation & Digital Transformation. In 2019, she joined BNL as Chief Transformation Officer, overseeing data, strategic portfolio management, customer advocacy, innovation, and digitalization. Since 2022 Chief of the Commercial Business Unit at ADR, leading the "non aeronautical" evolution of the company for Retail, Food & Beverage, Real Estate, Parking and Advertising business areas and driving the commercial digital transformation.

Maaïke Lustenhouwer



Maaïke Lustenhouwer is an **attorney-at-law at AKD**. As part of the Transport practice group, she specialises in transport law, consumer law and European law, with a particular focus on air law. Maaïke has assisted numerous airlines in disputes over a range of questions. She advises and litigates in cases relating to the carriage of passengers and cargo, the package travel directive, unfair consumer practices, damage to aircraft, agency agreements, ground handling, aircrew licencing, maintenance issues and general aviation. In addition to her work as an attorney-at-law, Maaïke shares her knowledge as a lecturer at the International Institute of Air and Space Law of the University of Leiden and the University of Utrecht. She also teaches air law to student pilots, combining her passion for aviation and the law. Maaïke's interest in aviation goes beyond her legal expertise, as she holds a pilot licence (PPL(A)) herself. This enables her to understand the sector from a unique perspective and provides her clients with pragmatic and result-driven solutions.

Sergio Giménez



Consistently named as an Aviation Law expert by international directories such as The Legal 500 Europe, Who's Who Legal, Euromoney and Best Lawyers, among other, Sergi Giménez is a partner at the Spanish law firm Augusta Abogados.

He has a long career in the field of international business law and the provision of advice in the corporate and commercial areas. Beginning with industrial corporations, since the late 90's he has been advising national and international companies linked to the aviation industry, particularly airlines and aircraft lessors, manufacturers and financiers. He also has lengthy experience in the tourism industry, providing advice to Spanish and international tour operators, hotel owners and operators, cruise operators and leisure centres of all types. His professional career has always been closely linked to international law, due to his recurring work with multinational companies with business dealings in Spain and vice-versa. In recent times, Sergi has begun collaborating with the drone and the space industries.

Educated at the "Universidad Central" of Barcelona, where he obtained his law degree, Sergi also has an LL.M. in International Business Law for the Münster University in Germany. He is an Associate Lecturer of Private International Law and of International Business Law at the Law Faculty of the Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona and member of organizations such as the International Bar Association (1999), Spanish Aeronautical Society (2011), Legal Advisory Panel of the Aviation Working Group (2015), Spanish Chapter of the ICC and of its Commission on Commercial Law and Practice Instituto (2016), Panamericano de Derecho Comparado (2017), Legal Committee of the Spanish Olympic Committee (2017), Spanish Association of Aviation and Space Law (2021), Spanish Advisory Council to the Air & Space Legal Observatory (2021), European Association of Private International Law (2021), European Centre for Space Law (2021).

Vincent Correia



Prof. Dr. Vincent Correia is **Full Professor of Law** since 2014. 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 is currently Professor of Public Law at the University of Paris-Saclay (France). He has been a Visiting Professor at Leiden University (the Netherlands) for almost a decade and intervened as a guest lecturer at several Universities throughout the world. He is fluent in French, English and Spanish.

He is 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 a member of the boards of the European Air Law Association and of the *Société Française de Droit Aérien et Spatial*. In recent years, he also collaborated with several Governments, airlines, aircraft manufacturers and law firms as a consultant.

Stéphanie Golinvaux



Stéphanie is a **founding partner at Adastone** where she leads the sector of Transport & Infrastructure. Stéphanie offers full dedicated services in the aviation sector for more than 15 years.

She is offering full services and pragmatic assistance to airlines, lessors, airports, carriers and railway undertakings.

Stéphanie is also advising insurers and insurance intermediaries (including brokers and MGAs) in all their day-to-day needs.

Anna Konert



Attorney-at-Law, dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration and a full professor at Lazarski University in Warsaw

She has been specializing in aviation law since 2005, among others in legal department of Air France in New York (2006 – 2007), as a head of LL.M in Air Law (since 2012), director of the Institute of Air and Space Law (since 2014), director of Lazarski Aviation Academy (since 2020), director of Aviation Law and Professional Pilot License studies (since 2019), committee member of the European Air Law Association (since 2013), member of the Legal Advisory Group of EASA - European Union Aviation Safety Agency (since 2023), member of The Accreditation Organization of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) (since 2023), member of the European Scientific and Educational Committee UTA/ ECAC – Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile in Toulouse (since 2024).

She was awarded the Medal of Honor for her contribution to the development of aviation law in the world by Latin American Association of Air and Space Law (ALADA) in 2022.

Sebastiano Vecchia



Born in Rome in 1961, electronic engineering graduate, in **ENAC (National Civil Aviation Authority)** since 1988, **Manager** since 2005.

Current Security Director, he is the Italian representative at the Aviation Security Committee of the EU Commission, and at the Aviation Security Panel of ICAO, as well as Observer at the Cybersecurity Panel of ICAO.

In the context of his current role, he has, among other things, reviewed and updated the Italian National Security Plan (PNS), managed and reviewed the agreements with foreign states for the management of Sky Marshalls on board foreign aircraft and issued the Regulation "Alternative security measures for minor airports and delimited areas".

Previous management experience:

- 2020 – 2021. Vice Direttore Centrale Vigilanza Tecnica
- 2018 - 2020. Direttore della Direzione Regolazione Licenze del Personale e Operazioni Volo.
- 2013 – 2017. Direttore della Direzione Regolazione Aeroporti e Spazio Aereo.
- 2010 – 2013. Direttore della Direzione Operazioni Roma.
- 2007 – 2010. Direttore della Direzione Sistemi Informativi.
- 2005 – 2007. Direttore della Direzione Aeroportuale di Olbia e a.i. della Direzione Aeroportuale di Alghero.
- 2005. Capo Ufficio RAN (Registro Aeronautico Nazionale)

Nora Rabe



Nora Rabe joined **Wizz Air** in August 2022 as **General Counsel**, leading the group's legal function and managing the legal matters for Wizz Air Hungary, Wizz Air UK, Wizz Air Abu Dhabi, and Wizz Air Malta. She is a Hungarian lawyer with a law degree from Pazmany Peter Catholic University and is a member of the Hungarian Bar. Nora has a proven track record in the aviation industry, having held roles as legal counsel at Malev Hungarian Airlines and the Hungarian Air Navigation Service Provider, HungaroControl, where she served as General Counsel and Legal and Compliance Director for several years.

Lydia Johansson



Lydia Johansson - Senior Liability Manager, Scandinavian Airlines | LLM, Air & Space Law, McGill University

Lydia Johansson is a seasoned aviation lawyer with over six years of experience in regulatory compliance, liability frameworks, and dispute resolution. As Senior Liability Manager at Scandinavian Airlines, she leads a team navigating complex multi-jurisdictional claims, driving legal strategy and risk management in the airline's global operations.

She recently completed an LLM in Air and Space Law at McGill University, where her thesis focused on the international legal challenges of

passenger data protection. During her time at ICAO's Legal Bureau in Montreal, she contributed to policy development on air navigation safety and global legal harmonization."

Prof Dr Donal Patrick Hanley FRAeS is Associate Professor and Associate (formerly Interim) Director of the McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law in Canada.

Prior to entering academia, he was variously a private practice lawyer, in-house lawyer, board director and managing director with law firms and aircraft leasing companies in Ireland, England, Japan, USA, Egypt, France and Sweden.

He is qualified to practice law in Ireland, England, California and Taiwan and holds (among others) LLM and PhD degrees from the Leiden University International Institute of Air and Space Law in the Netherlands.

Steven Truxal



Steven Truxal is **Professor of Air and Space Law and Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University**. Under his directorship, the Leiden Institute has joined ACI Europe and CANSO, engages regularly with IATA and Airbus, and of course the European Commission, ECAC and Eurocontrol. Steven is also Programme Director for Leiden's award-winning Advanced Master of Laws programme in Air and Space Law, and Scientific Advisor at the Florence School of Regulation at the EUI. His research focuses on economic and environmental regulation of air transport. Prior to moving to the Netherlands, Steven has worked at the University of London, Humboldt University of Berlin and Deutsche Lufthansa AG.

Jinyoung (Jin) Choi



Safety consultant, Royal Netherlands Aerospace Centre (NLR), lecturer and external Ph.D. at Institute of Air and Space Law (IIASL) at Leiden University, The Netherlands

Jinyoung (Jin) Choi is a Lecturer at the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University. In addition to her role as a lecturer, Jin serves as a safety consultant in the Air Operations Safety & Human Performance Department at the Royal Netherlands Aerospace Centre (Royal NLR) and is the lead researcher for the Hague Court of Arbitration for Aviation. Before her current roles, Jin gained professional experience at ICAO COSCAP-SEA, the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, and the law firm Clyde & Co. She holds an Advanced Master's degree in Air and Space Law from Leiden University, where she also completed her Ph.D. on the criminal liability of pilots in aviation accident cases.

Mario Alovisi



Mario Alovisi, 49, is currently the **Marketing Director of Trenitalia & CEO of Italia Loyalty**. He holds a degree in Economics and Business from the University of Naples Federico II and began his professional career at Alitalia in April 1999. During his tenure there, which lasted until 2008, he held various roles, gaining extensive experience in marketing and social media. Over the following six years, Mr. Alovisi worked with several companies, including Royal Group - Hotels and Resorts, Roma Formula Futuro - FG Group, and American Express. These experiences allowed him to further develop significant expertise in pricing and revenue management. In May 2014, he joined Costa Crociere in Genoa as Director of Revenue Management Planning, Forecasting, and Distribution. In this role, he was responsible for defining pricing strategies and managing cruise and onboard revenues, itinerary design, transportation activities, planning and forecasting, as well as onboard sales strategy. Currently, as Marketing Director at Trenitalia, he plays a key strategic role in shaping the company's marketing strategy. This includes interpreting market needs, identifying strategic positioning, defining brand concepts, and outlining future development directions.

Marina Bottelli



CEO

Entrepreneurial, results-driven business professional with 20+ years of experience serving in multinational companies. Outstanding leadership expertise leveraged to develop robust business strategies and processes to achieve efficiency and boost revenue. Demonstrated success of building profitable businesses and securing lucrative contracts with global customers. Well-versed in forging mutually beneficial synergies with customers, global teams, executive management, and business partners.

Flavio Ghiringhelli



Flavio Ghiringhelli is **Emirates' Country Manager in Italy** since 2018. Before joining the Dubai based airline, he gained experience in the civil aviation sector working for easyJet, Meridiana Group, Alitalia, Cathay Pacific and Thai Airways. Flavio also has a solid working background in the hotel industry, thanks to many years of experience in HRS - The Hotel Portal, and in the technology industry, thanks to the experience gained in Amadeus. Flavio began his career in 1988, after completing his studies, and he has subsequently improved his skills at SDA Bocconi and INSEAD Business School. Furthermore, since 2016 he has been a member of the Advisory Board of GBTA Italy, the first buyer-led European wide business travel and meetings network, since 2020, he is vice-president of the Association for the fight against epidemiological diseases ACMEP and since 2021, he is president of IBAR (Italian Board Airline Representatives).

Maurizio Paggetti



Maurizio Paggetti was appointed Chief Operating Officer on July 2018, already Head of Air Navigation Service Directorate of ENAV since 2011. He began his career in the Italian Air Force as Air Traffic Control Officer (ITAF 5th Wing based at Rimini). He then joined ENAV in 1990 and worked as ATCO until 2003, completing his operational career at Roma Area Control Centre (ACC). He later became responsible for several Italian airports among which Napoli Capodichino and Roma Fiumicino; in 2010, he was nominated Head of Roma ACC. He served as Member of the Network Manager Board (NMB) of BLUE MED - the Functional Airspace Block (FAB) Implementation Programme coordinated by ENAV with the participation of the Service Providers of the Mediterranean Area (DCAC-Cyprus, HCAA-Greece and MATS-Malta). Heading up ENAV Air Navigation Service Directorate, he has managed inter alia the national program of regional airport reorganization including the introduction of the first digital TWR on May 2022, the Italian airspace restructuring with the introduction of Free Route operations in December 2018. Internationally, he secures the active involvement of ENAV in key programs and partnerships mandated by international organizations and institutions (e.g. SESAR Deployment). On August 2021 he has been designated as Chief Executive Officer of d Flight S.p.A a company belonging to ENAV Group that pursues the development and provision of low-altitude air traffic management services for drones and any activity connected to them.

Hugo Ramos Alves



Tenured Professor at the Lisbon School of Law, Hugo focusses his teaching on Maritime Law, Aviation Law, Transport Law, Commercial Law, Corporate Law and the Law of Obligations. Hugo was the Scientific Advisor at the Bissau School of Law (2019-2022), where he coordinated several legislative reforms (namely, the Civil Code, the Civil Procedure Code and the judiciary legal framework) in cooperation with the UNDP and the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. Hugo was also consultant to the World Bank Group on legislative reforms on electronic documentation in Guinea Bissau (2023). Arbitrator at CREL – Centro de Resolução Extrajudicial de Litígios (Luanda, Angola) since 2019. Partner of Legal Approach, a boutique law firm specialized in International Commercial Law, M&A and high-profile litigation, with a particular focus on Portuguese speaking African countries. With 20 years of practice, Hugo combines his practical knowledge in various fields with sound legal knowledge, duly documented in several published works in the fields of Civil Law, Aviation Law, Maritime Law, Commercial and Corporate Law. Among his publications, the textbook on Aviation Law *Direito aéreo*, 2nd ed., AAFDL, 2024 (823 pages) and its Brazilian abridged version *Uma introdução ao Direito Aéreo*, D'Plácido, 2024 (338 pages) are a reference for lusophone countries. His master's

dissertation on pledge (Do penhor, Almedina, 2010, 380 pages) and his doctoral dissertation on acceptance in lieu of performance (Dação em pagamento, Almedina, 2017, 998 pages) as well as his monograph on disregard of the corporate veil (Sobre a desconsideração da personalidade coletiva nas sociedades comerciais, AAFDL, 2023, 350 pages) are frequently quoted by the Portuguese higher courts.

Donal Patrick Hanley



Associate Professor and Associate (formerly Interim) Director of the McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law in Canada

Prior to entering academia, he was variously a private practice lawyer, in-house lawyer, board director and managing director with law firms and aircraft leasing companies in Ireland, England, Japan, USA, Egypt, France and Sweden.

He is qualified to practice law in Ireland, England, California and Taiwan and holds (among others) LLM and PhD degrees from the Leiden University International Institute of Air and Space Law in the Netherlands.

Alessio Costantini



Alessio Costantini has been in legal practice since 1994, and is currently **Name Partner at Costantini Avvocati Law Firm.**

Over his full career, main areas of practice of Alessio have been travel and tourism law, as well as aviation law. He has been external legal advisor for Fiavet – Italian Federation of Travel Agencies, ASTOI – Confindustria Viaggi (main Italian Trade Association of the Tour Operators) and from 2018 and nowadays of Assoviaggi Confesercenti, Trade Association of the Italian Travel Agencies. He has been Visiting Professor of Public Law at the post-lauream Master in Tourism Business at LUISS “Guido Carli” University of Rome and member of LAW – Lawyers Associated Worldwide – an international network of independent Law Firms made of around 100 Firms. He is member from 2022 of the Justice Panels of the Italian Basketball Federation and is currently Vice President of the Federal Tribunal and of the Appeal Court of the Federation. From July 2019 and nowadays is Chairman of the Italian Helicopter Association (AEI), main Trade Association of the Helicopter companies operating in the Emergency Medical Services (HEMS), fire-fighting and off-shore Services and transportation of passengers. He is member of the Board of Directors of EHA – European Helicopters Association, the European Association whose members are the National Organizations of the helicopter operators.

R.K. Singh



Special Director

RK Singh is an LLM in Aviation Law from Leiden University, The Netherlands and holds MBA degree from Southern Cross University, Australia. Mr. Singh has over 38 years of experience working in different capacities; Firstly, in the Indian Government as an IAS officer (1985 to 2009) and later as an Aviation Law/Management specialist. He has served as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India and has been the CMD of Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited. He has also served on the Boards of Air India, Indian Airlines, Alliance Air, and Air India Charters Limited (Air India Express) in the past. As Special Director, Mr. Singh is a member of the ExComm of IndiGo and looks after the Public, Corporate & Industry Affairs of the company at the leadership level. Mr. Singh is Co-Chair of FICCI Aviation Group and is also a permanent invitee to the Board of InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo Airline)

Serap Zuvin



Serap Zuvin **leads the Aviation Practice at Cakmak**. Serap has represented numerous international corporate clients in corporate finance deals, with particular focus on equipment finance. She has been involved in several cross-border JV establishments and M&A transactions. Serap also played an active role in the drafting of several new pieces of legislation in Turkey, including the financial leasing law and secondary legislation in connection with the Cape Town Convention.

Based on her representation of major aircraft manufacturers, lessors, lenders and international financing institutions, Serap is widely recognized for her expertise in aviation, and aircraft financing in particular.

She served as the Chair of the Aviation Law Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA) between 2020-2022 and currently serves as a member of the Advisory Board of the same.

Serap is a prolific writer who wrote dozens of articles on aviation law matters, contributed to books and acts as an editor of ASJ.

She speaks, moderates on panels held by IBA, ABA, IAWA, McGill, Luisse University. She has lectured in a number of Turkish universities and also been invited as a guest lecturer to speak at University of Bologna and NYU.

Roberto Scaramella



Oliver Wyman Partner, Transportation Services Leader of the A&D Practice - Europe

Roberto Scaramella is a Partner in the Oliver Wyman's Rome office. He focuses on Industrial goods, Transportation and Aerospace & Defence, covering clients across Italy and throughout Europe. He joined Oliver Wyman in November 2018. Roberto leads the A&D practice in Europe, leads the Transportation practice for the SEE region and has recently been elected member of the Global Partners Committee of the firm. Roberto focuses on transformation programs, corporate strategy, commercial development and effectiveness, cost & cash optimization, operational efficiency, organization restructuring, M&A. Roberto is an experienced executive in the industry. Before joining Oliver Wyman, he was chairman of Enav, the Italian air navigation service provider. Previously he held the role of Director of the aviation business unit at the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (leading airport and airline businesses in Africa and in Europe), the role of CEO of Meridiana Airlines, and CEO of ALA - Advanced Logistics for Aerospace. Prior to that Roberto was a partner at Bain & Company as Partner; there he worked on the Industrial goods, Transportation and Pharma sectors, covering themes spanning across strategy, M&A, operations improvement, organization, marketing and commercial. At Bain Roberto played a key role in building and leading the EMEA aviation practice. In his earlier professional years, he worked at Procter & Gamble Europe in the Engineering and Product Supply Division and in Research and Development for multiple products in the Laundry and Household Cleaning categories. Roberto currently serves as non-executive director in two non-profit organizations in Italy. He holds a Magna Cum Laude degree in MSc Chemical Engineering from the University of Naples (Italy), his hometown

Eduardo Carrillo de Albornoz-Braojos



Eduardo Carrillo de Albornoz-Braojos is Managing Director of Boeing Research & Technology-Europe and Brazil.

With its main office near Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport, and a fully integrated presence in the UK and Germany, Boeing Research & Technology-Europe (BR&T-Europe) was the first research center established by Boeing outside the United States in 2002. Its mission is to work with partners across Europe in research and technology development to foster innovation, excellence and competitiveness within the European R&D community. BR&T-Europe focuses on key technology solutions such as digital engineering, data-enabled airline services and solutions for the integration of autonomous systems in shared airspace, drilling technology, materials modelling and simulation supported testing, developing and maturing machining and metal forming technologies, development of next generation laser powder bed fusion for additive manufacturing and high-rate composite manufacturing process using resin infusion

technology. BR&T-Brazil is focused on developing projects that are aligned with company technical priorities, including sustainable aviation biofuel, airspace and airline operational efficiency and digital engineering. Eduardo brings more than 25 years of experience in the aerospace industry, 19 in Boeing, with strong skills and deep expertise in technology management, customer relations, business development, communications and business management. Eduardo led the setup of the Boeing Brazil engineering and technology center and before that he held management positions in Boeing Research & Technology-Europe. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the Complutense University of Madrid and an Executive MBA from IE Business School as well as certificate programs in strategy and leadership from MIT and INSEAD. Eduardo is married, has two children and loves spending time with friends and family skiing and playing golf

Aristide Police



Full Professor of Administrative Law (Diritto amministrativo) in the School of Law (Facoltà di Giurisprudenza) of the Università LUISS – Guido Carli of Rome.

Avvocato cassazionista (Barrister behind the Supreme Court). Naming Partner of POLICE & PARTNERS since 2020, previously he has been Partner and Public Law Practice Area responsible for CLIFFORD CHANCE since 2007. He is an expert of Judicial Review of the administrative action and Administrative Justice. He is deputy Director of the Diritto Processuale Amministrativo, a specialised Journal and Author of many Textbooks and Treaties on the subject.

Expert of Public Regulation of Markets and Administrative Law issues in relation to Antitrust Law He is a Member of the Scientific Committee of «Italian Antitrust Review» edited by the Italian Antitrust Authority and Author of many Essay, Textbooks and Treaties on the subject (Tutela della concorrenza e pubblici poteri. Profili di diritto amministrativo nella disciplina antitrust, Giappichelli, Torino, 2007).

He has been appointed advocate in many Antitrust trials on behalf of companies such Enel S.p.a. – Servizio Elettrico Nazionale; A2A Energia S.p.a.; Automobile Club d'Italia – ACI; Carrefour Italia S.p.a.; GS S.p.a.; Philip Morris Italia S.p.a.; Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Telecomunicazioni – AGCOM; PricewaterhouseCoopers S.p.a.

Since 2015, he is the only Star Individual in Public Law Category for Chambers Europe; he is "widely recognised as a leading expert in a broad spectrum of public law mandates. He is sought out by an impressive roster of private entities and public institutions. He is a spearhead in the firm, absolutely outstanding, enthuses a source" (Chambers, 2020) and a Leading Individual "highly recommended" (Legal500, 2020).

Expert of Public Procurement and Public Contracts and Concessions, He is Responsible of the Master (II livello) in «Procurement Management» at the Università degli studi di Roma "Tor Vergata". He is Author of many Essays, Textbooks and Treaties on the subject.

Mark De Laurentiis



Mark De Laurentiis is the **Director of the ENAC Protection of Passenger Rights Department** since 2021.

In April 2024 he has been appointed as Chair of the ECAC Facilitation Sub-Group on the Transport of Persons with Disabilities and Reduced Mobility (PRMs). Mark has worked in aviation since 2008.

He has been Head of Passenger Rights and Airport Quality Services Unit since June 2018. Previously he has been Director of the Air Transport and Environment Regulation Department and for more than ten years he has been involved in economic and charges regulation in air transport, statistics and economic studies at the Economic Analysis and Airport Charges Department in ENAC.

He participated in several international fora (ICAO, ECAC, DG MOVE, IATA, Eurocontrol) and, acting as expert, he has joined two Twinings, in Egypt and in Jordan, one TAIEX in North Macedonia and has covered the role of coordinator of an ECAC Expert Group on PRM matters. In 2018 he has been the National Coordinator for the ECAC Quality Assessment Programme for Passengers with disabilities and reduced mobility. Graduated in Economics of International Commerce and Currency Markets and has a postgraduate degree in Communication and Business Administration. Before joining the air transport sector he worked as consultant in management and marketing companies and in the banking sector.

Cyril Igor Grigorieff



Partner at Bournonville Grigorieff – Adjunct Professor of air law at Université Paris Saclay

Dr. Cyril-Igor Grigorieff is a member of the Brussels bar since 2006 and a former member of the Paris bar. He holds the title of accredited Transport Law Specialist, granted by the Brussels and Belgian bar authorities. Cyril-Igor gained experience in matters relating to liability in a multi-jurisdictional environment, in European Union regulatory affairs and in aircraft finance in the course of his career in international law firms. He has also gained inside knowledge working on a secondment basis for an airline. He is the author of numerous publications in the field of air law. Notably, he has been one of the named contributors to the Belgian Transportation Code since 2010, and the co-editor of the first law book in French on aircraft finance (*Le droit du financement des aéronefs*, Bruylant, 2017). In 2021, he successfully defended his PhD study on international air law at Leiden University (Uniformity and Fragmentation of the 1999 Montreal Convention on International Air Carrier Liability, Kluwer, 2022) for which he received the best PhD award by the Air and Space Academy. Next to his practice, Cyril-Igor teaches air law, transportation law, and insurance law in various universities including Paris-Saclay University (No 1 in the EU – Shanghai Ranking) and Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Andreas Zettergren



Andreas Zettergren is **a partner with Mannheimer Swartling and he is a member of the firm's Banking and Finance group, Restructuring and Insolvency group (Co-head) and Energy group (Co-head).**

Andreas leads the firm's practice vis-à-vis the aviation industry and regularly acts for entities within this industry (operators, owners, financiers etc) with everything ranging from regulatory matters to transactions and financings involving aircraft and other aircraft objects. Andreas has a broad practice which covers project, export, asset (including leasing) and distressed financing, restructuring and insolvency situations (in and out-of-court) as well as energy transactions, including power purchase agreements.

Andreas Zettergren is:

Ranked in Chambers Global and Europe – Banking and Finance (Band 2)

Ranked in Legal 500 – Banking and Finance (Leading partner)

Ranked in IFLR1000 – Banking and Finance (Market leader)

Ranked in Lexology/WWL – Transport (Global Elite Thought Leader),
Banking (including Project Finance), Energy, Aviation (Recommended)

Diego Ferrari



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Diego Ferrari is the chair of the Aviation practice at C&F and provides full service to international and domestic carriers operating in Argentina which includes the guidance in a vast range of matters including start-up of operations, negotiations with labor unions, representation before the Aviation Authorities, review and analysis of agency and distribution contracts, data protection, compliance, consumer protection, antitrust, tax, immigration, cargo and freight, bilateral and multilateral agreements, schedules, punitive proceedings, etc. Advisor to the Aviation Authority and other governing bodies related to the aviation industry on aviation policies, drafting of passenger rights regulations, unified manual of environmental management for Airports, among others. Diego Ferrari also heads of the highprofile litigation team in charge of trying high impact cases including the defense of major stake holders in class actions brought up in the tourism, aviation, Telcos, insurance, financial and automotive industries with an extensive practice in litigating cases before Federal, National and Provincial Courts in matters ranging from contracts, corporations, torts, labor, antitrust, IP infringements, insurance and consumer law, regulatory matters and the review by appeal of punitive proceedings, appearing before the Federal Supreme Court in several occasions acting also as amicus curiae. His practice areas include consumer law. public procurement, infrastructure concessions and public private partnerships, public works, economic regulation of utilities and public interest activities, public finance, land and zoning, antitrust, project financing and governmental liability. He is a frequent speaker in academic and international specialized forums such as IATA, ALTA, among others.

Gianluigi Ascenzi



Partner Pierallini Studio Legale

Gianluigi Ascenzi has extensive experience in all areas of aviation law, with over 22 years of practice. He earned his law degree from LUISS Guido Carli University in 2000. Specializing in transactions involving commercial carriers, cargo, and private jets, Gianluigi has substantial expertise in structuring and negotiating acquisition, financing, leasing, and portfolio sales operations. Providing a comprehensive range of legal services, Gianluigi guides financial institutions, lessors, lessees, aircraft manufacturers, airlines, buyers, and sellers of aeronautical equipment through complex national, cross-border, multidisciplinary, and multi-jurisdictional matters. His work spans regulatory aspects, as well as drafting, negotiating, and closing sophisticated transactions and agreements, including operational leasing, code-share agreements, wet leasing, maintenance contracts, and technical services agreements. Gianluigi also assists clients with corporate governance, commercial law, regulatory compliance, M&A operations, antitrust issues, and asset acquisition and management. He actively participates in aviation conferences worldwide and contributes to international publications on aviation law.

Marco Marchegiani



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Marco Marchegiani has extensive aviation, corporate and antitrust experience. Assists clients in litigation, arbitration, and dispute resolution, with a focus on aviation and corporate law. He has extensive experience in protecting the interests of Italian and international airlines in all aspects of marketing and customer relations, including those with airport operators and ground service providers. Provides assistance and representation before the Antitrust Authority in connection with any investigative proceedings concerning business practices. Marco also advises on commercial and distribution contracts, mainly in the pharmaceutical and food distribution markets, assisting clients in all supplier and customer relationships. He contributes to international publications on aviation law and is a frequent attendee of aviation conferences, both in Italy and abroad.

Roland Kuesters



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His corporate career was primed by practicing international transport, aviation and insurance laws as lawyer in Frankfurt/Main. Roland's judicial appointment was in 1995 at the courts of Munich. He studied law at the universities of Bonn and Munich and passed his 2nd legal state examination in Munich in 1994.

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