



## **Speakers and Moderators Bios**



**YIANNIS N. PARASCHIS**

Mr. Paraschis is the Chief Executive Officer of the “Athens International Airport S.A.” (AIA) since 2007. He joined AIA shortly after its establishment in 1996. Prior to the Airport Company, he worked for ten years in international management consulting.

Mr. Paraschis is the Immediate Past Chair of the Governing Board of the world trade association of airports, Airports Council International (ACI). He is currently member of the Board of the European trade body, ACI EUROPE,

which he has also served as Chairman for the period from 2007 to 2009. He is the Chairman of the Board of the Athens Airport Fuel Pipeline Company S.A. Mr. Paraschis participates as a member in various other boards of companies and trade associations such the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE), the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV), the Greek National Tourism Organisation (GNTO) and the Association of Greek Tourism Enterprises (SETE) as well as Marketing Greece SA.

He holds a M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering and a Ph.D. in Operations Research from the University of Hamburg in Germany.



**MICHAEL SIEBOLD, LL.M.,**

Michael earned his primary law degree in Germany and his common law degree in Canada. He is the founding partner of ARNECKE SIEBOLD ([www.ArneckeSiebold.de](http://www.ArneckeSiebold.de)), as of September 1, 2015 following a merger ARNECKE SIBETH. Being strongly linked to North America's business community since many years, Michael Siebold is in charge of many national and especially international mandates and projects in the logistics sector as well as particularly in the sports area, the innovative building of arenas and the international real property market. Furthermore, he specialises in legal project management and financing. Chairman of Deutsch-Kanadischer Wirtschaftsclub Frankfurt Rhein-Main, Chairman of DKG Deutsch-Kanadische Gesellschaft, various supervisory, administrative and advisory board mandates, Member of SLA, World Sports Forum, etc., founder and director of EVMI; member of board and Chair of Interlaw. Born in Bochum in 1958, studies at Ruhruniversität Bochum, L-M-U München, London School of Economics, London, University of Toronto, Toronto (LL.M. Toronto, 1987), UofW, Madison; articling at courts in Munich and Landshut, admitted to the bar in Frankfurt since 1987, founding and name partner of the law firm ARNECKE SIEBOLD



## **GARRETT L. PENDLETON, ESQ.**

Garrett is the Vice President and Claims Manager responsible for the direct oversight and management of all products liability and airport claims and lawsuits at AIG Aerospace, as well as select complex general aviation, coverage litigation and arbitration matters. Garrett obtained his B.S., magna cum laude, from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he trained as a pilot, and his M.B.A. and J.D., cum laude, from Stetson University. A licensed attorney in Florida and Georgia, Garrett practiced law for eight years with large international law firms where he defended and tried a myriad of high stakes aviation, insurance and complex commercial lawsuits in state and federal courts across the United States and international tribunals. Prior to entering private legal practice, Garrett spent a year as an intern to The Honorable Elizabeth Kovachevich and The Honorable Paul Pizzo in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. Before beginning his legal career, Garrett gained a significant background in aviation operations while on active duty in the United States Marine Corps, and subsequently as a civilian working in support of the National Science Foundation's United States Antarctic Program. His global perspective is informed by AIG's worldwide reach in international aviation, having lived and worked abroad for over a decade in Europe, the Middle East, the South Pacific and Antarctica, and having defended a multitude of international insurers and their insureds in litigation and arbitration proceedings across the globe.



## **KATERINA CHRISTODOULOU**

Katerina is a lawyer, co-founding partner of Your Legal Partners, a law firm known by peers and clients as a fresh, innovative, high quality independent law firm with personal service to clients. She has a wealth of experience in corporate and finance cases and projects, as well as, concessions and other forms of PPP projects, notably in the field of infrastructure and aviation. She has also headed the legal teams for numerous privatizations, financing structures, real estate projects, mergers & acquisitions in various industries. Highlight of recent experience in the aviation sector has been acting for the Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund in relation to the privatization of the regional airport sector in Greece. She has also handled complex international arbitrations particularly in relation to concession projects and cross-border disputes in the aviation sector. She regularly advises banks, airlines, infrastructure project companies, venture capital, and real estate development companies. She is recommended by Legal 500 and European Legal Experts Directory.

Before founding Your Legal Partners in 2008, she has been partner both in boutique and large Greek law firms and worked as a lawyer in the Legal Department of Athens International Airport

Katerina received her law degree and master degree from the University of Athens and an LL. M Degree from University of London. She is a member of Athens Bar since 1992.



## **DIEGO GONZALEZ**

Diego is legal affairs manager of Aeropuertos Argentina 2000 SA. Graduated from the University of La Plata, Argentina with a lawyer degree in 1992. Master in Administrative Law (1995). He is Professor at the INDAE (Aeronautical and Space National Institute), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Diego is also author of the book "Airport Law. Juridical Regime of Airport Services". He regularly advise Corporacion America SA. Founder Member and President of WALA from 2008.



## MARIA GRIGORYAN

Maria received her law degree from the Yerevan Institute of Forensic Expertise, specializing in Civil Law, and master's degree in law (LL.M) from the American University of Armenia focusing on International and Comparative Law.

She joined "Armenia" International Airports" CJSC in 2003 and has been working as the company lawyer – head of Legal Department up to date. Maria handles a variety of legal matters: drafting, advising and negotiating a wide range of corporate documents and contracts, representing the company before the third parties, including state agencies and courts, providing legal advice to company subdivisions and certain group companies managed by and included in the corporate holding. As an Airport lawyer, she has a particular interest in Aviation law and tries to expand her expertise in the industry regularly attending relevant conferences and trainings.

On a personal note, swimming is one of Maria's main leisure activities and she attends pool on a regular basis. She also loves reading, music and traveling.



## PAUL JENKINS

Paul is Senior VP and Company Principal at J2 Aircraft Dynamics responsible for all commercial aspects of the global business in Europe, USA, South America and China. Originally qualified as a chemical engineer, he joined Exxon in 1988 and built his professional and international reputation and experience over the next 15 years opening specialty chemical markets in the Russian, Japanese, Middle and Far East markets. Paul's engineering experience and commercial expertise in growing sales from grass roots across a variety of cultures and languages has contributed substantially to j2's progress and has launched them as a global player. Paul has built senior and highly influential relationships with leading aircraft manufacturers, aircraft simulation companies, leading flight test companies and the worlds Aviation Insurers, Adjusters and Lawyers in the air accident investigation space, the latter, a fast growing part of the j2 business. The recent court acceptance of the j2 capability and testimony as a reliable expert witness in a high profile case in the UK has opened up a significant opportunity for the j2 Technology to provide further advanced support into all aspects of air incident investigation and analysis.

### J2 Software and Knowledge as Applied to Air Accident Investigation

j2 software provides a completely independent and proven flight sciences toolset capable of using any data source and information provided by OEMS or other parties in the construction of predictive aircraft models and the modelling, analysis and evaluation of aircraft crash scenarios. The product is fully commercial and does not rely on any code being written thus providing a consistent and reproducible tool on which to run such evaluations and potentially introduces a standard tool for the future.

j2 software not only allows modelling and analysis to run using FDR information recovered from any fixed wing aircraft platform but the user can also adjust, amend and change, at any rate, the control parameters of an aircraft in real time, input timed events and explore the likely chain of events as well as possible recovery scenarios and the impact of environmental conditions e.g. wind, timed gusts, icing, and other phenomena. The strongly predictive nature of the toolset will also allow for operational scenarios to be evaluated prior to taking on an insurance risk e.g. older aircraft platform flying a new route. Sensitivities can be identified and evaluated e.g. hot and high conditions and impact on lift and loading on take-off and landing which might help reduce the risk of future incidents. This will also include evaluating impacts of degradation of engine thrust due to fouling (dust) and/or badly soiled external surfaces.



## **CHRISTOPHER R. BARTH**

Chris focuses his practice on the areas of aviation and insurance law. In his over 20 years of providing legal services, Chris has defended airports and municipalities, aviation manufacturers, air carriers and airline consortiums, aircraft leasing companies and lenders, charter operators, MROs, and security companies against allegations covering a wide spectrum of issues including premises liability, equipment defects, wrongful death, product defects, breach of warranty, negligence, faulty workmanship, breach of bailment, and negligent entrustment. Chris has also handled bodily injury and cargo lawsuits arising under the Warsaw and Montréal Conventions. He also serves as national products liability defense counsel for a European manufacturer of regional airline turboprop aircraft and aircraft components. Chris also serves as lead counsel to foreign and domestic insurers in high-exposure, multi-party coverage litigation. He has appeared as counsel of record in federal and state courts in 27 different U.S. jurisdictions and has been co-counsel in matters pending in three Canadian provinces.

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## **JAKOB LUNDSTRÖM**

Jakob Lundström heads the Regulatory Affairs unit at the Swedish state owned airport operator Swedavia AB and is, in his role as Director Regulatory Affairs and Competition Law, also responsible for competition law matters within the company. Before joining Swedavia Jakob worked for Swedish and international law firms concentrating on competition/state aid and EU law. He has also previous experience from the Swedish government and the European Commission.



## **STEVE MICHOULAS**

As Director, Legal Services & Legal Counsel, Steve oversees a broad range of the Vancouver Airport Authority's legal affairs, including airport use licensing, land leasing and development, real estate and corporate finance, partnerships, subsidiaries, technology, competition law and regulatory issues.

Of recent note, Steve acted as lead counsel for the Airport Authority with respect to its partnership with the McArthurGlen Group and their joint conception, construction and opening of the "McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Vancouver Airport", the first designer outlet shopping centre in the Vancouver metropolitan area and one of the first of its kind in North America. Steve has also acted as counsel to the Airport Authority with respect to Vantage Airport Group, a subsidiary of the Airport Authority, which recently led a consortium that is now the preferred proponent to redevelop LaGuardia Airport in New York.

Steve earned his law degree at the University of British Columbia in 2002 and was called to the British Columbia Bar in 2003. Steve joined the Airport Authority in 2009."



## **PETER J. KIRSCH**

Peter J. Kirsch is a partner with the law firm of Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, with offices in Denver, Colorado and Washington, DC. For 25 years, Mr. Kirsch has concentrated his practice on airport development. He has represented dozens of airports on land use, regulatory and environmental issues that arise in connection with airport operations and development. He regularly advises airports on federal legislation and regulations, and airport financial issues. He has represented clients in precedent-setting litigation regarding the powers of airport proprietors. Since 1990, he has been involved in most of the new commercial airports in the United States as well as dozens of airport expansions, redevelopment projects and commercial development projects. He is a frequent speaker at conferences on airport law in the United States and elsewhere. He is admitted to practice in many states and federal courts and before U.S. Supreme Court. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of Chicago Law School.



## **ISABELLE LELIEUR**

After graduating from Toulouse law faculty in 1999, Isabelle lelieur acquired a Masters Degree in Air & Space Law in Aix-en-Provence law faculty (IFURTA) and an LLM at the Institute of Air & Space Law at McGill (2000-02).

Isabelle has been working in the Aviation sector for 15 years. She pursued a traineeship at Air France's International Affairs Department (2000) and another traineeship at the European Commission in Brussels (2002), followed by a position as the head of the Legal Department at the French Airport Association (2003-07) alongside maintaining a position as an academic speaker (2002-14). In 2003, she published a book on ownership and control of airlines. Currently, Ms. Lelieur holds a position as a Senior Legal Counsel at VINCI Airports, in Paris (2007-present).



## **JEREMY ROBINSON**

Jeremy is a partner in the London office of Watson Farley & Williams LLP. He is a competition and regulatory lawyer with sixteen years' experience, and he has a specialist interest in aviation. His recent work includes the application of the EU's 2014 aviation State Aid guidelines to airport-airline deals, a unique legal challenge to the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme for aviation, airline mergers and airline predatory pricing. He has spoken at aviation conferences as panellist or panel chair in Europe, Russia, Africa, the Middle East and the USA on topics including State Aid, ETS, EU and Gulf carriers, airport privatisation and PPPs.





## **OLGA LUCIA RAMIREZ DUARTE**

Olga Lucia Ramirez Duarte is lawyer from the Universidad del Rosario, Master of Administrative Law at the same university and graduate from the program of Competition Law Improvement of the Universidad Externado de Colombia, with over nine years work experience. Since 2007 she began her professional practice in Colombia, which has been developed mainly in the field of transport infrastructure, having been part of the Legal Directorate for highway concessionaires and construction companies for public infrastructure, as well as of the company responsible for the construction of the new airport terminal of Bogota. Currently, and for more than three years, she has been working as Legal Director of the company Aeropuertos de Oriente S.A.S., a six airport terminals concessionaire in the country's northeast.

She is Chairwoman and founding partner of the recently created Colombian Association of Airport Law, which already held the first roundtable discussion in all relevant matters for Colombia last June 2015. At the moment, she is also attending the Air and Space Law Master in Leiden University.



## **EMMANUELLE MAIRE**

Emmanuelle Maire works at the European Commission in Brussels. She currently heads the team in charge of Internal Market and Airports policy in the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, one of whose principal tasks is economic regulation in the shape of European legislation on internal market, CRS, insurance, airport charges, slot allocation and groundhandling at European airports. Emmanuelle Maire joined the European Commission as a civil servant in 2001 to work in the Directorate for Energy and Transport in Brussels. She first worked in the field of state aid, preparing the European Commission's decisions on the permissibility of state aid to airlines (2001-2004). She joined the EU aviation negotiating team in March 2004 and worked on the EU-US air services negotiations which were successfully concluded with a first-stage agreement signed in April 2007 in Washington, D.C. She also assisted the Director of Air Transport of the European Commission, Daniel Calleja, on the general coordination of European aviation policy between 2005 and 2010. Emmanuelle Maire graduated in political science and international relations from the Universities of Grenoble and Paris-Panthéon Sorbonne in France, studied political science in Germany and holds a European Masters degree from the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium



## **STAMATIS VARSAMOS**

Stamatis Varsamos joined Athens International Airport as a legal counsel at 1999. He first worked for the legal preparation for the airport opening in Athens in 2001 and thereafter his legal practice has focused on airport's regulatory, operating and commercial related issues, including those of airport charges, airline/airport relations, and the development of the legal framework for the provision of ground handling and PRM services at the airport. Stamatis Varsamos studied law in the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and holds a Master in Laws Degree (LLM) from the University of Southampton, a Master in Laws Degree (LLM) in Advanced Studies in Air and Space Law from the University of Leiden and IATA's International Air Law Diploma.



## **CHRISTOS CHRISSANTHIS**

CHRISTOS CHRISSANTHIS is a Professor of commercial law at the Law School of the University of Athens and a fully practicing attorney at law, specialising in complex commercial litigation in fields such as aviation, insurance and intellectual property. He teaches aviation law. He advises regularly local and international air carriers and has a strong background in accidents investigation. He has participated in legislative committees for the restatement of Greek aviation law. He has been actively involved in the ongoing litigation in Greece in connection to the Helios Airways accident in 2005 with 121 victims, which was the deadliest in the country and one of the most widely discussed aviation accidents worldwide. He holds a first degree in law (cum maximae laude) from the Univ. of Athens (1991), an LL.M. in International Business Transactions from the Univ. of London (1992), a Ph.D. degree in law (cum maximae laude) from the Univ. of Athens (1996) and an LL.M. in Commercial Law from the Univ. of London (2015). He has also studied accounting and negotiation strategies. He is the managing partner of “Christos Chrissanthis & Partners Law Firm” in Athens Greece.



## **GERARD BOREL**

Gérard Borel became ACI EUROPE General Counsel in 2000 after a career of over 20 years in Air transport especially in ICAO, Aéroports de Paris and then Principal administrator in charge of airports at the European Commission from 1994 to 2000. Gérard Borel has been a member of several groups of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) especially relating to capacity and security. He also followed all the main negotiations of Air Transport Agreements between the EU and third countries as US or Canada but also the current discussions with ASEAN or the Gulf countries.

Dr Borel holds Doctorates in both International Public Law and in International Business Law, is postgraduate in Law of the Sea and in Law of Defence, graduate in Political Science, and a former of the Institute of Air and Space Law from Mc Gill University (Montreal).



## **ROBERT HERGA**

Robert was appointed General Counsel and Company Secretary of Gatwick Airport following its acquisition by a GIP led consortium from BAA in December 2009. Robert was previously General Counsel and Company Secretary at BAA having spent 20 years in various roles within the legal department. Prior to that he had undertaken legal roles within British Steel and BT.

At BAA, Robert was involved in the acquisition and disposal of World Duty Free, the acquisition and disposal of its interest in Melbourne, Perth and Northern Territories airports and Budapest Airport. He also led the legal team on the defence of the Ferrovial take-over in 2006 and in the Competition Commission market investigation which eventually resulted in the break up of BAA.

At Gatwick, Robert led the legal team on the CAA's market power review and subsequent negotiation of its regulatory licence. More recently he has been leading the legal input into Gatwick's submission to the Airport Commission for a second runway at Gatwick. He was also responsible for the defence of NATS' claim under the Utilities Contract Regulations following the decision to appoint DFS to take over the ANS contract.

Robert is a solicitor and holds a MSc in Construction Law and Arbitration as well as being a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



## TRIAN T FLOURIS

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Dr. Flouris' areas of expertise include: education management (policy, program development, accreditation, licensing, e-learning, professional development, aviation certification); aviation safety, human factors and risk management; international aviation policy and governance; and strategic management and project management. He has served as Governing Council Member of the Transportation Research Forum, a member of the Board of Trustees for the University Aviation Association, a Member of the Board of the City University of New York, York College Foundation, and an Advisory Board Member for Seneca College, Toronto, Canada. He has also served as alternate representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the International Civil Aviation Organization and advisor to its Ministry of Foreign Affairs on issues of international aviation policy.

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## KINGA KOLASA-SOKOLOWSKA

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## WAHYUNI BAHAR

For more than 25 years, Wahyuni has been entrusted with being a responsible attorney in handling complex and high profile transactions. He has handled various transportation and infrastructure projects, as well as privatization and cooperation of major airports. He also has experience in advising clients with respect to regulatory and compliance aspects of the projects, as well as government liaison.

Prior to founding Bahar & Partners, Wahyuni was a lecturer in Padjadjaran University, Bandung and Trisakti University, Jakarta, on various subjects, including air and space law, telecommunications law and international law. Currently he sits as a board member of the Indonesian Employers' Association and the INA – Benelux Foreign Chambers.

Education:

- 1992 : LLM (Master of Laws) at McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- 1989 : Postgraduate Diploma at Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, the Netherlands.
- 1988 :The Hague Academy of International Law
- 1986 : SH (Bachelor of Law Degree) at University of Padjadjaran, Bandung, Indonesia
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## HEDVA MELAMED- FAGADAU

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## WERNER BLAU

Werner Blau was born in 1952. He studied at the Universities of Frankfurt/Main and Freiburg im Breisgau. He was admitted to Bar in 1981 and in 1985 he became partner of the law firm Albert Flad & Schlosshan which was specialized in international business law and later on merged with Mayer Brown. Since 1982 he has a doctor's degree in law. His cotate thesis had competition law as its topic. Starting January 1990 he became the partner in charge for the newly opened office in Leipzig in former GDR and in particular he advised the City of Leipzig and the Leipzig Fair Company. For more than 20 years he has been chairman of the Arbitration Committee for Competition Disputes at the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Leipzig. Since 2004 he is partner of the law firm Arnecke Siebold in Frankfurt/Main which due to a merger now is Arnecke Sibeth. He is a certified mediator educated by the German Lawyer's Association. Furthermore he is the President of the German Korean Lawyer's Association (DKJG). He is specialized in German and European Antitrust Law and worked on numerous cases in merger control law, cartel cases and cases of an abuse of a dominant position. This included several cases in the airline industry. He is experienced in international arbitration.



## ALAN MENEGHETTI

Alan is an Executive Board Member and co-Vice Chair of the Worldwide Airports Lawyers Association (WALA). Alan is a partner in the London office of Locke Lord LLP where he undertakes a full range of commercial and regulatory work in the general commercial, aviation and aerospace sectors. His practice covers work which ranges from regulatory issues and consumer protection to the procurement of suppliers and responses to tenders, to data protection and privacy, IT, IP, and the drafting and negotiating of various commercial agreements (such as outsourcing, supply, service and R&D). He has also worked extensively on matters in Africa. Mr. Meneghetti is a regular contributor to publications and at conferences in these sectors, and his articles and book reviews have been widely published.

Some examples of his recent experience include:

- advising the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Common-use Local User Board on its agreement for the provision of Common Use Terminal Equipment and the provision of Common Use Self Service Kiosks at the airport
- Ipeco Holdings Limited in its supply and purchase agreements for the provision of cockpit and flight attendant seats as well as galley equipment
- various international airlines on a range of commercial, IP and IT agreements, including agreements for the provision of GDS, DCS And reservation systems, as well as on slot arrangements, issues around the launch of new routes and regulatory issues



## **ANNA MASUTTI**

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Practising lawyer and senior partner, LS Lexjus Sinacta, since 2012  
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Anna Masutti is legal advisor for business enterprises and public institutions, airport authorities and operators, national and international airlines, both for contentious and non-contentious matters, in aviation, aerospace, transport, insurance, international trade as well as European law.

Her practice focuses on advising and representing insurers on aviation claims, airline liability and on other insurance and reinsurance issues. Anna has extensive experience in drawing up airline contracts, in particular aircraft lease, purchase and sale agreements and financing arrangements. Anna has been involved in the Galileo and EGNOS programmes and in the implementation of the Single European Sky and SESAR programmes. She is editor-in-chief of The Aviation and Space Journal (ASJ), committee member of the Italian Aviation, Maritime and Transport Law Association and of the European Air Law Association (EALA).

Anna is a frequent speaker at national and international seminars. She is the author of various books and articles on Air Law. She has likewise contributed to a large number of national and international publications.



## **CLAUDIA HESS**

Claudia Hess joined Urwantschky Dangel Borst in April 2007. 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 as well as for the Sichuan-American Chamber of Commerce in Chengdu, China. Furthermore, she regularly holds seminars on Chinese law.

Claudia Hess is a partner in the firm since 2012. She handles aviation cases worldwide related to both German and EU law whereas she provides advice and assistance out of court and represents her clients in court proceedings and proceedings initiated by administrative bodies.

She deals with cases and queries involving liability and regulatory issues, compliance, commercial and contractual matters, consumer protection claims against airlines and companies as well as claims related to EU Regulations and international treaties. She drafts and reviews Terms and Conditions as well as data protection policies under German law and assists airlines in complying with the requirements of ETS.

Claudia Hess is fluent in German, English, French and Chinese (Mandarin).



## **MARIE-CHRISTINE BROCHU**

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Marie-Christine is an attorney specialized in international business law, experienced in dealing with a variety of multi-jurisdictional commercial, corporate and financial legal matters, the last 10 years focusing on aviation and international air transport matters. Marie-Christine joined IATA in 2005, based in Montreal. She is Assistant General Counsel, acting as the lead attorney supporting IATA's industry financial services matters and products, where she is counseling, negotiating and drafting documentation in transactions and projects relating to the IATA clearing house, industry settlement systems, revenue accounting, currency clearance, e-invoicing services, collection and financing services, and credit cards and payment services. Prior to joining IATA, Marie-Christine practiced as an attorney in business law in law firms based in Paris and Montreal. She also worked at the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Marie-Christine holds an LL.L-LL.B in law from the University of Ottawa, a Certificate in US/Chinese business law from Syracuse University/City University of Hong Kong, and an LLM in international economic law from the Université Paris-I Sorbonne.



## **ANIEL BANGOER**

At Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, Aniel is within the legal team responsible for regulatory affairs, administrative law and European law. He advises on a variety of topics, such as safety, security, environment, competition and utilities. Before joining Schiphol seven years ago, Aniel has worked for several ministries, such as Interior, Environment and Transport, as well as the CAA, in the capacity of drafting legislation, providing legal counsel, policy making and managing a legal team. He also participated in working parties of the European Council for several Regulations and Directives as lead negotiator for The Netherlands. His extensive experience within the government at national and EU level and his keen interest in a variety of areas of law, suits him fine in his work at the airport. Recently he concluded the prestigious Executive Masters of Public Administration studies. As a hobby, Aniel is a football referee and tennis player."



## **PABLO MENDES DE LEÓN**

Pablo Mendes de Leon is Professor of Air and Space Law and Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law of Leiden University, which is one of the leading international scientific research and teaching institutes in the world, specialised in legal and policy issues regarding aviation and space activities. The Faculty of Law of Leiden University founded the institute in 1986. In addition to his duties as Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law of Leiden University, Pablo Mendes de Leon maintains a vast range of memberships in organisations that work to combine law and practice of aviation law and policy. For instance, he is President of the European Air Law Association, Visiting Professor at various universities outside the Netherlands, a judge at the District Court of Haarlem, Membre titulaire de l'académie de l'air et de l'espace, Toulouse, France, Member of the Dutch Aviation Accident Board, a Board Member of the magazines Air and Space Law, Journal of Air Law and Commerce and the Italian ANIA Insurance Newsletter and the Director of the Series of Publications in International Aviation law and Policy with Kluwer Law International. He is the author of a large number of publications on topical issues regarding aviation law and policy.



## **FAYYAZ MAHMOOD**

Fayyaz Mahmood is the General Counsel and Board Secretary of Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) in the Kingdom of Bahrain. BAC is the authority responsible for enhancing Bahrain International Airport and increasing the airport's contribution to the local economy in line with Bahrain's Economic Vision. In its operational role, BAC is responsible for evaluating the airport's operations, infrastructure and services. A new terminal is envisaged which is set to improve the airport's capabilities and cater to the growing number of passengers as well as the changing demands of stakeholders. Fayyaz is a well experienced and highly regarded corporate lawyer having been educated in the UK and called to the Bar of England and Wales. He has worked in the Gulf region in different capacities since 2000. Recently Fayyaz was listed in the prestigious "GC Power List: Middle East" as one of the most accomplished and highly influential in-house legal counsels. He has been recognized as one of the top 100 high-caliber legal consultants in the middle east region. The GC Power List is the latest publication by the Legal 500 focusing on the in-house legal function, and recognizes the efforts of corporate counsels in the legal industry. The latest edition of the GC Power List: Middle East identifies the most influential and innovative in-house counsel working in the region.



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