



AVIATION LAW SECTION

STATE BAR *of* TEXAS

Aviation Law Section Report for 2018-2019 **Andrea M. Palmer, Chair 11/12/19**

The Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas exists to provide education and information that equips, encourages, and supports attorneys practicing aviation law in the state. Looking forward, the Section's goal is to expand its mission to include innovations in aviation, space, and travel. Thus, the proposed new Mission Statement of the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas is:

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1. Annual Meeting

The Section began the year with the following Council Members, elected at the Annual Meeting, held on June 21, 2018, in Houston, Texas:

- Bruce Marshall, Chair
- Andrea Palmer, Vice Chair
- Peter Busher, Treasurer
- Mark Pierce, Immediate Past Chair
- Christa Hinckley, Secretary
- Jad Stepp, Council Member
- Greg Reigel, Council Member
- Wayne Fagan, Council Member
- Paula Knippa, Newsletter/Membership
- David Norton, Ex officio
- Lyndsay Smith, State Bar of Texas
- Gary Evans, Council Member
- John Ransom, Council Member
- Pamela Hicks, Council Member
- Lisa Richardson, Board Advisor
- Fidel Rodriguez, Alternative Board Advisor

2. Planning Meeting

The Section met via phone in August. The Section continues to work on Board Certification.

3. Fall CLE & Meeting

On November 9, the Section held its first CLE at the Hotel Valencia in San Antonio, Texas, with the following speakers and topics:

- Indemnities Made Simple: Understanding in Practice What Law School Could Not Explain
Andrea Palmer, Fort Worth; Higginbotham
- Aircraft Foreclosures - Enforcing Third-party Interests in Aircrafts
Greg Reigel, Dallas; Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP
- High Lift/Low Drag: Streamlining Aviation Litigation
Mark D. Pierce, Austin; The Pierce Law Group
- Confusion Abounds! The Growing Proliferation of “Aircraft Dry Leasing Programs” and the Specter of Illegal Charter
David Norton, Dallas; Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP

On November 10, the Section held its first Council Retreat, to plan for the rest of the year and upcoming projects.

4. Section Meeting & Breakfast at SMU Air Law

On March 29, the Section held a meeting, where there was breakfast and a CLE presentation on FAA updates from Greg Lander and Morgan Schweinzger.

5. Annual Meeting

The Section wrapped up the year with its meeting, CLE, and scholarship presentation at the Annual Meeting, held in Austin on June 13. Our speakers and topics were:

- Current and Future Legal Issues in International Space Law
Shalem Massey, Irvine, CA, Partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP
- Drones: Privacy Implications and the Evolving Regulatory Landscape
Jennifer Trock, Washington, D.C., Partner, Baker McKenzie
- Ethics in Aviation: The GC’s Perspective
Mark Shaw, Dallas, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer, Southwest Airlines
Brad Ferrell, Columbus, OH, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, NetJets
Eric Levenhagen, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, Chief Administrative Officer & General Counsel, Sun Country Airlines
Moderator: Bruce Marshall, Chair, Aviation Law Section, EVP & General Counsel, AIC Title Service
- The Broadening of the Air Charter Market – Comments from DOT on its New Air Charter Broker Rules
Lisa Swafford-Brooks, Washington, D.C., Deputy General Counsel Office of Operations, C-60, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation

The Section’s scholarship application was for the first time opened to the entire state of Texas, and was awarded to Austin L. Turman, a rising 2L at the University of Houston Law Center. Austin gave a well-received presentation on his brief.