

Member News

Magazine on Latin Lawyers Spotlights Elizabeth Freidenberg

IAWA Board Member **Elizabeth Freidenberg** was featured in a recent edition of the magazine, *Latin Lawyer*, which conducted a survey to identify the best aviation lawyers in Central and South American. Elizabeth is a partner in Freidenberg, Freidenberg & Lifsic of Argentina.

The article quoted a client, the general counsel for a major international airline, who described her as “a resource of information not only on matters affecting the company in Argentina but also in...Latin America. She has proven herself to be an invaluable resource to us because of her expansive expertise dealing with all areas related to aviation.”

Her firm had two mentions in the article. Associate **Alina Nassar** in the firm’s Costa Rica office, also was identified as one of the top aviation lawyers.

Mia Wouters

IAWA FOUNGING MEMBER MIA WOUTERS, a partner in Lafili, Van Crombrughe & Partners of Brussels, has re-

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New Members

IAWA continues to grow, with 10 new members announced this month. They are:

Sherry Carbary, VP Strategic Management, The Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington. At Boeing, Sherry is responsible for helping develop the business strategy for Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

Nancy Graham, Director, Asia Pacific Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Singapore. Nancy became FAA’s senior official in the Asia Pacific Region in 2005, after

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IAWA Announces Diamond Sponsors

Four of the most dynamic aviation corporations in the world have agreed to become Diamond Sponsors for the upcoming 18th Annual Conference in New York City, Oct. 22-24.

Airbus, The Boeing Corporation, Continental Airlines

and FedEx Express, each are contributing at least \$25,000 to make the New York City conference one of the most memorable events IAWA has held in its almost two decades of organizing conferences.

The funds from Boeing and Continental Airlines will help underwrite the Reception and Gala Dinner on the first night of the conference at the historic Hudson Theatre, which first opened in 1903. In

1987 the city’s Landmarks Commission declared the theatre a Landmark, meaning the building could not be razed for a new hotel project planned for the site. As a result the theatre was incorporated fully into the hotel, and is used as a venue for special events such as the dinner planned by IAWA.

For its contribution to the conference, FedEx Express will be hosting a special luncheon on Monday, October 23, at which IAWA is arranging for an address from an industry figure of renown. An announcement about that special event will be made separately by the Association.

Finally, no conference is complete, or memorable, without an outstanding closing banquet and the New York City

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Broadway Show Opportunity

Here’s a special offer to attend a Broadway Show for those who attend IAWA’s 18th Annual Conference. Anyone interested in attending a matinee on Sunday, Oct. 22 before the reception, or a matinee on Wednesday, Oct. 25th should e-mail Ellyn Slow at eslow@netjets.com by Aug. 31. Tickets will be \$100 each for good seats. A choice of show will be provided after Ellyn sees how many respond.



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cently wed **Luc Vandamme**, “the love of my life,” she says. Mia, in addition to her thriving law practice, is active outside her law firm. She is Director of the European Aviation Club and recently was appointed to serve as a judge to the European Nuclear Energy Tribunal. Mia also teaches Air Law at the University of Leuven.

She represents airlines, insurance companies, a CRS, ground handlers and other transportation related businesses before the Belgian Courts and the European Commission. Mia is actively involved in the full range of legal issues in the transportation industry, with a focus on aviation, tourism, competition and e-commerce.

IAWA London Briefing

THE GREAT SUCCESS of IAWA’s 17th Annual Conference in Shanghai has spurred interest in the organization in London where, on June 6, Board Member **Zoë Layden** gave a presentation to women working in aviation in the city. “We had the largest turnout of women from the London market in Shanghai and they are spreading the word (about IAWA) fast,” Zoë said.

Thirty women in aviation from the insurance sector were invited to hear the presentation “As the insurance market has had very few senior women here in London previously, the interest is overwhelming,” she said about the program.

Katherine Posner Honored

KATHERINE POSNER, a partner at Condon & Forsyth LLP in New York and a past President of IAWA has received the New York Women’s Bar Association’s (NYWBA) Doris S. Hoffman Service Award. The Award, presented to Kathy at the association’s Annual Dinner in New York City May 24, is named for a much admired former president of the NYWBA. It is bestowed solely when the NYWBA Board of Directors decides that the recipient has rendered exceptional service to the organization and has been given only five times since its inception.

Ann Thornton Field Promoted

ANN THORNTON FIELD, a member in Cozen O’Connor’s Philadelphia office, has recently been named Vice Chair of the firm’s General Litigation Department and Chair of the firm’s Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

Aviation Conference Attendees

THREE MEMBERS OF IAWA, Board Members **Regula Dettling-Ott** and **Elizabeth M. Freidenberg**, and founding member **Mia Wouters**, attended the Aviation Conference of the Leyden Institute of Air and Space Law in April. In addition, Elizabeth and Mia were judges for the Telders Moot Contest in The Hague following the conference.

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conference will meet those expectations. Sponsor Airbus, will host the closing banquet at the Central Park Boathouse, a famous icon of Central Park known in the city as a “Hidden Jewel.” Marion Blakey, Administrator of the FAA, has been invited to speak.

Located at the northeastern tip of the lake in Central Park. The Boathouse provides a magical atmosphere where diners interact with swans and ducks that approach the restaurant in search of a friendly handout.

Thanks to the commitment of these companies – Airbus, Boeing, Continental and FedEx Express – IAWA’s New York City conference will be one of IAWA’s biggest and best.

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serving in Brussels.

LaShawn Hampton, National Account Representative, Northwest Airlines, Memphis, Tennessee. Last year, LaShawn was selected as one of the “50 Women Who Make A Difference” by Memphis Woman Magazine.

Lisa A. Harig, Counsel, The Wicks Group, PLLC, Washington, DC. Lisa has been working in aviation for 11 years, with several law firms and as an attorney for TWA.

Tan Siew Huay, Head (Legal), Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, Singapore. In her position with Singapore’s Civil Aviation Authority, she is responsible for the Legal and Insurance Section, and has been involved in numerous ICAO matters.

Candace McGraw, Deputy Director, Cleveland Airport System, Cleveland, Ohio. Candace was named director of the Cleveland Airport System in 2002 after serving as General Counsel to the Cleveland City Council.

Judy Nemsick, Senior Associate, Holland & Knight LLP, New York. Judy was co-lead in a successful U.S. Supreme Court decision which held that the Warsaw Convention provides the exclusive cause of action and remedy in an action against an air carrier.

Constance O’Keefe, Of Counsel, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Washington, DC. Constance has been in private law practice in aviation and was Director of Legal Service and served as General Counsel for IATA in Montreal.

Amy E. Rogers, Assistant General Counsel, MAXJet Airways, Dulles, Virginia. She also serves the airline as its Corporate Secretary and previously worked for Gemini Air Cargo.

Susan M. Walsh, Director, Commercial & International Programs, Pratt & Whitney, Washington, DC. Susan has been working in aviation for 26 years and is Pratt & Whitney’s principal representative in Washington.

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