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A BRAND NEW CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE FOR 2023

ACI-NA is excited to implement several conference and exhibition enhancements to increase value and improve the overall attendee experience in 2023. New changes for 2023 include:

- A more comprehensive and balanced conference schedule.
- Expanded educational sessions with brand new tracks.
- Enhanced networking opportunities, including a host welcome celebration.
- More thought leadership on the future of the airport industry.
- Improved exhibition hall hours to better showcase industry solutions.

What's more, your conference registration allows you to attend any session open to registered conference attendees while with us in Long Beach! [Check out the latest conference agenda](#) to learn about our full range of educational sessions, workshops, committee meetings, exhibition hours, and networking events.

This track agenda compiles all the educational sessions and workshops related to [airport legal affairs](#) into one place!

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Friday, September 29, 2023

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Legal Affairs Steering Group Meeting (Room 201A)**
Steering Group members only

Saturday, September 30, 2023

7:30 AM – 5:30 PM **Check-in / Registration**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Legal Affairs Committee Workshop (Room 102 A & B)**
Open to all registered attendees

9:00 AM – 9:10 AM **Welcome and Introductions**

Amy Gonzalez, General Counsel, San Diego San Diego County Regional Airport Authority & ACI-NA Legal Affairs Committee Chair

9:10 AM – 10:00 AM **TSA Updates**

Top legal staff from the Transportation Security Administration will discuss legal aspects of security at our nations' airports.

Francine Kerner, Chief Counsel, Transportation Security Administration
Susan Prosnitz, Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Networking Break**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Statutory and Regulatory Updates and A View from the Hill**

What ever happened with that? This panel will provide a refresher and status update on recent statutory and regulatory matters most relevant to airports, as well as a glimpse into the legislative process.

Moderator: **Dan Reimer**, General Counsel, Jackson Hole Airport
Speakers: **Erin Locklear**, General Counsel, Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority
Steven Osit, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP
Annie Russo, Chief Political and Congressional Strategy Officer, ACI-NA

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM **Networking Lunch**

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1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

Data Protection and Sharing

Airports collect and retain all kinds of data, including customer details, sensitive security information, and passenger tracking information. How do airports protect such data from competitors when public records laws might compel sharing? How can airports share protected data with business partners when they want to do so? And what lessons are Canadian airports learning in light of new consumer data protection standards?

Moderator: **Chris Schmaltz**, General Counsel, Tucson Airport Authority
Speakers: **Cameron Boyd**, General Counsel, Metropolitan Airports Commission
Elizabeth Smithers, Lead Counsel, Charlotte Douglas International Airport
William Wright, General Counsel & Governance Officer, Edmonton Regional Airports Authority

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

The Airport Attorney's Role in ESG Reporting and Bond Disclosures

As the scope of information airports provide investors in bond issuances expands, the role played by airport attorneys should also expand. What do airport attorneys need to know?

Moderator: **Leila Zahlan Lahbabi**, Deputy General Counsel, ACI-NA
Speaker: **Dave Bannard**, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Networking Break

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

Litigation Update

The panel will discuss current and recent cases important to airports including: *A4A v. San Francisco*; *JSX v. Orange County*; *Horry County v. Myrtle Beach*; *Multi-district litigation (MDL) No. 2873 (AFFF/PFAS)*; *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard and University of North Carolina*; *US ex rel. Robert Smith v. Jay Odom, Okaloosa Cty. Comm'rs.*; and potential challenges to TSA.

Closed Session: no one representing interests adverse to airports on topics being discussed may attend during that discussion.

Moderator: **Cameron Boyd**, General Counsel, Metropolitan Airports Commission
Speakers: **Melissa Allison**, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger LLP
Dave Bannard, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP
Jeffrey Longworth, Partner, Earth & Water Law
Mina Makarious, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger LLP
Christina Marshall, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger LLP
Sarah Wilbanks, Associate, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP

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4:15PM – 5:00PM

Roundtable

The Roundtable is an interactive audience discussion focused on current issues of interest to airport lawyers. Bring your questions and insights to this session.

Moderator: **Cynji Lee**, Assistant County Attorney, Miami Dade County

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Host Airport Welcome Event

Join in the celebration at the Terrace Plaza, located at 300 E Ocean Blvd. in Long Beach.

Sunday, October 1, 2023

7:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Check-in / Registration

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Educational Session

Beyond the Canvas: Legal Considerations for Art at Airports (Room 103)

Art can be a powerful visual tool to enhance the airport customer experience, create a sense of place, and speak to the communities the airport serves. Airports frequently display art that they acquired or have on loan and sometimes even integrate art into construction projects. What happens when airports need- or want- to relocate or even destroy installations? Art can convey a message, but does the airport want to avoid or create a forum for free expression? What contract language and policies should airports consider using to achieve their goals? The panel will discuss many of the legal- and practical- considerations for a successful airport art program.

Moderator: **Yovannie Rodriguez**, Chief Administrative Officer, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Speakers: **Lee Kaminetz**, Assistant General Counsel, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

Evan Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, Metropolitan Airports Commission

William Wright, General Counsel & Governance Officer, Edmonton Regional Airports Authority

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Networking Break

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10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Educational Session

Beyond the Runway: Airport Commercial Development (Room 103)

Airport properties accommodate different types of tenants and serve many different purposes. What is - and what should be- the FAA's role in airport development? What is the status of the Draft FAA Policy Regarding Processing Land Use Changes? Will the new FAA Reauthorization Act revise the wording of Section 163 which restricts FAA's authority over airport land use? What creative approaches can airports consider in lease models while adhering to their grant assurances? This panel of attorneys will discuss the ways in which airports can develop their land while adhering to their legal and regulatory obligations and maintaining the control they need.

Moderator: **Brian Werst**, General Counsel, Spokane International Airport

Speakers: **Amy Gonzalez**, General Counsel, San Diego San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

Peter Kirsch, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP

Paul Tomme, Legal Counsel, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

Networking Lunch

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

Educational Session

Making it All Work: Labor and the Law (Room 103)

Airport managers know firsthand how much work it takes to keep things going, and how many people it takes to do it. Employees of airports, contractors, airlines, Federal agencies, law enforcement, and concessionaires are all critical. While airports can regulate some speech and expressive activity in some ways, activity involving unions and organizing may implicate other legal principles. Social media and other forms of personal expression can also raise legal issues for airports as employers. How should airports think through these issues? How can airports contractually protect their operations from labor disruptions? And what do recent legislative initiatives and court cases tell us about the ability of the airport sponsor to mandate certain wages and benefits for workers? The panel will address these and other legal issues.

Moderator: **Christina Marshall**, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger LLP

Speakers: **Melissa Allison**, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger LLP

Gale LaRoche, Senior Human Resources Consultant, ADK Consulting & Executive Search

Eric Smith, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Networking Break

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2:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Opening General Session

Sam Samaddar

*Airport Director, Kelowna International Airport
Chair, ACI-NA*

Cynthia Guidry

Director, Long Beach Airport

Kevin Burke

President and CEO, ACI-NA

Zanny Minton Beddoes

Editor-in-chief, The Economist

Editor-in-chief of *The Economist* and named one of the “Most Powerful Women in the World” by Forbes, Zanny Minton Beddoes is a renowned global economics expert, sought-after for her authoritative perspectives on the world economy. She is renowned for delivering sophisticated insight on all facets of economic affairs. At the nexus of the global economy and policy, Minton Beddoes adeptly positions new developments that impact business and industry into the broader context of world events.

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Exhibition Hall Grand Opening

Reception in the exhibit hall

Monday, October 2, 2023

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Check-in / Registration

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Exhibition Hall Open

The Exhibition Hall will remain open during all educational sessions on Monday, October 2.

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Networking Breakfast in the Exhibition Hall

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

ACI-NA World Business Partner / Associate Member and Airport CEO Roundtable Breakfast

Invitation Only, RSVP Required

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch in the Exhibition Hall

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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Educational Session

What Airport Lawyers Want Their Clients to Know About Airport Revenue Use (Room 103)

With some exceptions, U.S. airport sponsors are obligated to spend airport revenue only on the capital and operating expenses of the airport. But what exactly can and should be included in those categories? What are some lessons learned from airports who have been through an FAA revenue use audit? Beyond the basics, this session will examine the nuances of interpreting the grant assurances and policies guiding the use of airport revenue. Enjoy this panel discussion as experienced airport professionals analyze situations commonly faced by airport sponsors.

Moderator: **Carolina Potts**, Assistant Chief Counsel, City of Phoenix Law Department

Speakers: **Ted Kaplan**, Chief Business and Innovation Officer, Charlotte Douglas International Airport

Dan Reimer, General Counsel, Jackson Hole Airport

TJ Roskelley, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger LLP

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Networking Break in the Exhibition Hall

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Educational Session

Legal & Operational Approaches to Maintaining Public Safety at the Airport (Room 103)

Safety and security is a primary concern for airports throughout North America. Even with best efforts, violence can tragically erupt, affecting lives and interfering with the air transportation system. How can airports, working with TSA and law enforcement, prevent violence and, if it does occur, stop it in its tracks? What are the legal considerations for searching people? What should airports consider when different parts of their campus are under different gun laws and regulations? How do airports communicate amongst agencies in the midst of emergencies? The panel of airport leaders, security experts, and attorneys will address these and other issues.

Moderator: **Balram “B” Bheodari**, Airport General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Speakers: **Brian Belcher**, Acting Executive Assistant Administrator/ Director for the Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service (LE/FAMS), Transportation Security Administration

Vivica Brown, Division Chief Attorney, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Chad Newton, Chief Executive Officer, Wayne County Airport Authority

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4:30 PM – 6:00 PM **Exhibition Hall Reception**

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Check-in / Registration**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **ACI-NA Women in Aviation Breakfast**
Invitation Only, RSVP Required

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Track 1 Airports Only Roundtable	Track 2 Airports Only Roundtable	Track 3 WBP / Associates Roundtable
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10:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Networking Break**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **General Session Keynote and Closing Remarks**

12:00 PM **Adjourn**