

# 2026 LEGAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

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 May 18 - 21, 2026

 Coronado, CA



## 2026 LEGAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE AGENDA

*Subject to Change (as of March 30, 2026)*

All sessions and events will take place at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort.

### MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

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11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Registration**

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Legal Affairs Steering Group Meeting**  
*Steering Group Only*

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
*All attendees*

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

**CEO2CEO: Aviation Industry Insights**

*Atif Saeed, President and CEO, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority*  
*Kevin Burke, President and CEO, Airports Council International- North America*

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

**Featured Speaker: Supreme Court Jurisprudence**

*Robert Schapiro, Dean and C. Hugh Friedman Professor of Law, University of San Diego*

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

**Networking Break**

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

**The Evolving Legal Landscape**

This panel will discuss proposed federal rulemakings, agency and judicial interpretations of existing regulations, any newly issued guidance, and what lawyers need to know.

**Dan Reimer**, General Counsel, Jackson Hole Airport  
**Christina Marshall**, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger LLP

Moderated by **Erin Locklear**, General Counsel, Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM **Networking Reception** Sponsored by SSP America

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## TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

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7:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Registration**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Networking Breakfast**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Risk Management I: Airline Views**

Gain insight into the perspective of airlines as they weigh the potential business impacts throughout the aviation system of requirements for war risk, cyber, and pollution insurance, indemnification, and other risk allocation issues.

**Doug Mullen**, Acting Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Airlines for America

**David Beyer**, Director of Risk Management, Alaska Airlines

**Chris Priebe**, Managing Director, Treasury - Payments and Risk, Southwest Airlines

Moderated by **Steven Osit**, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch LLP

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

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Risk Management II: Airport Approaches**

Airports must assess the risk of potential liability from many angles including regulatory penalties, tort claims, and contractual obligations. This panel will discuss several topics under that umbrella. From mitigating environmental liability to managing tort liability programs to the pros and cons of general liability insurance, the panel will engage in a thought-provoking conversation.

**Brian Burke**, General Counsel & Director of Compliance, Northwest Arkansas National Airport

**Mort Ames**, Senior Counsel, City of Chicago Department of Law

**Hobie Webster**, General Counsel, Pittsburgh International Airport

Moderated by **Bill Wright**, General Counsel and Compliance & Governance Officer, Edmonton International Airport

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Networking Time**

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

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7:30 AM – 4:00 PM **Registration**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Networking Breakfast**

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Contracts: Risks and Remedies**

In a back-to-basics discussion, the panel will seek to answer some risk allocation questions airport attorneys often wonder about but don't always have time to research. What language should one consider for indemnification, insurance, and limitation of liability clauses? Who should hold M & O responsibilities in a lease? What remedies should you contract for in different types of agreements? And how do you review agreements or establish forms when one size does not fit all? The panel will offer practice pointers and insights on these and other common contract issues.

**Theresa Yoffie**, Attorney Manager, St. Louis Lambert International Airport

**Tracy Davis**, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch LLP

**Dave Murray**, Chief Attorney, Miami-Dade Aviation Department

Moderated by **Amber Floyd**, General Counsel, Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority

- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Networking Break** Sponsored by Thompson Burton
- 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM **Congestion Management**  
 Multiple North American airports already have some level of capacity issues, and many more are forecasted to as well by the end of this decade. Whether they are runway, gate, or access constraints, limited to peak hours or to certain parts of the airport, if not managed, such constraints can impact not only the airport, but the entire aviation system. The session will explore applicable U.S. and Canadian law and practices and will introduce the principles from the Worldwide Airport Slot Guidelines.
- Lee Anderson, President, Anderson Airport Group*  
*Lee S. Kaminetz, Assistant General Counsel, San Diego Regional Airport Authority*  
*Mina Makarios, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger*
- Moderated by **Pablo Nüesch**, General Counsel, ACI-NA
- 11:45AM – 1:00 PM **Networking Lunch** Sponsored by WhiteBird
- 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM **Airspace Integration and AAMs**
- Sean Cusson, Partner, Thompson Burton LLC*  
*Chris Wilson, Partner, C.J. Wilson Law*
- 1:45 PM – 3:00 PM **Litigation Update**  
 The panel will discuss current and recent cases of importance to airports.  
Closed Session: No one representing interests adverse to airports on the issues or cases being discussed may attend this session. Stay tuned for the list of cases to be discussed.
- Moderated by **Adam Bird**, General Counsel, Melbourne Orlando International Airport
- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Networking Break** Sponsored by Thompson Burton
- 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM **Roundtable**  
 Interactive audience discussion focused on current issues of interest to airport lawyers.
- Moderated by **Cynji Lee**, General Counsel, Tampa International Airport
- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM **Networking Reception** Sponsored by Anderson Kreiger

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## THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

- 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Registration**
- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Networking Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM **Airport Revenue Use**
- Brian Werst, General Counsel, Spokane International Airport*  
*Joe Messina, Partner, WhiteBird Law*  
*Carolina Potts, Assistant Chief Counsel, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport*
- Moderated by **Adam Ussher**, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Dane County Regional Airport
- 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM **Quick Break**
- 10:00 AM – 12:00PM **Ethics**  
 This interactive panel will discuss ethics rules and opinions in real-world scenarios that are especially relevant to your role.
- Joe Huber**, Chief Legal Officer, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

**Dave Mackey**, Partner, Anderson & Kreiger LLP

**Chris Schmaltz**, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Tucson Airport Authority

12:00 PM

**Conference Concludes| Grab and Go Lunches Available**