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## CONFERENCE SPONSORS

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*Walk the Miracle Mile: Celebrate IAWA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Accomplishments of Women in the Aviation and Aerospace Industries*



Twenty years ago a handful of women got together in Chicago with the idea of starting a networking group for women in the aviation industry. Since then, IAWA has grown in size, but our mandate has remained the same: to promote the advancement of women executives in the aviation industry by providing them a forum in which they can gather to network and share ideas and information. This year's conference promises to be a great opportunity to achieve this goal.

As an organization, IAWA relies on corporate and individual partners to sponsor the conference and our efforts to better the aviation profession. Please consider helping the association, continue the tradition of excellence you have come to expect from the conference and become a sponsor. This year, IAWA is introducing seven corpo-

rate sponsorship categories. Every succeeding level includes the benefits of the level preceding them. The following are the summaries for the levels. For more information, please go to [www.iawa.org](http://www.iawa.org).

Beginning with the **Patron** level (\$1,500 donation), each corporate sponsor will receive an acknowledgment in the Conference Program and on IAWA's website.

The **Silver** level (\$2,500 donation) includes signage at the conference.

The **Gold** level (\$5,000 donation) includes one complimentary registration to the conference, publicity in an IAWA News Release, as well as recognition on a big screen monitor at the conference.

The **Ruby** Breakfast level (\$7,500 donation) includes two complimentary regis-

trations, signage and recognition of the Breakfast sponsorship at the conference.

The **Platinum** level (\$10,000 donation) includes another complimentary registration (for a total of three) as well as display space for your corporation's collateral at the conference.

The **Emerald** Luncheon level (\$15,000 donation) includes another complimentary registration (for a total of four) and featured articles in IAWA's News & Views.

The **Diamond** level (\$25,000 donation) includes another complimentary registration (for a total of five), logo and company recognition as a conference sponsor, top priority seating at the sponsored event, as well as the opportunity to introduce a conference speaker.

## Conference Speaker Spotlight



**CATHERINE  
LANG**

It has been confirmed that **Catherine Lang**, the FAA's Deputy Associate Administrator for Airports, will be speaking at the 20th Anniversary Conference. She will be joining Rosemarie Andolino on the panel discussing "Today's Airports and the Use of Airport Resources in This Ever

Changing Economy and Operations Environment." Catherine was appointed to her current position in 2003. Prior to that, she served as Director of the FAA's Office of Airport Planning and Programming from 1999 to 2003 and as the Office's Deputy Director from 1997 to

1999. Catherine was the Chief of Staff to FAA Deputy Administrator Linda Daschle. She has also served the City of Chicago as Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Aviation. She holds a M.P.S. from Loyola University of Chicago, and a B.A. from Briar Cliff College.

**YOU WILL FIND INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE IAWA'S ANNUAL MEMBER SURVEY. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS. PLEASE CHECK ON PAGE 8 OF THE NEWSLETTER AND FAX IT BACK TO US.**



# Getting to Know IAWA's Leadership



**CONNIE LEWIS  
LENSING**

You may know that **Connie Lewis Lensing** is IAWA's Secretary, but you may not know that she is also the Vice President of the Legal Department at FedEx Express, the world's largest express transportation company. FedEx is a \$36 billion dollar company delivering more than 6.5 million packages every business day.

Connie heads up a department of more than 90 professionals with all litigation prevention and defense responsibility. The litigation is

primarily handled in-house. Before joining FedEx in 1989, she was in private practice. She is admitted to the United States Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits as well as to the bars of Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas. She argued before the U.S. Supreme Court during the October 2007 term.

Connie received a Juris Doctorate with Honors and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism both from the University of Arkansas. She is past vice chairperson of the

Arkansas Board of Parole and Community Rehabilitation (Governor Bill Clinton appointee). She currently sits on the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform, and the Board of Directors for Lawyers for Civil Justice. She is a past recipient of the Minority Counsel Association's Employee of Choice Award given to spotlight leaders who commit to and succeed at creating and maintaining an inclusive corporate legal department.



**KATHY  
GUILFOYLE**

**Kathleen M. Guilfoyle** is not only the Treasurer of IAWA, but she is a shareholder in the Boston office of the trial law firm of Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy. In 1981, she graduated cum laude from Harvard University with a B.A. in History. In 1985, she earned her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law.

Kathy focuses her litigation practice on aviation defense and represents several airlines, airport authorities, and ground handling companies in cases pending throughout the state and federal courts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. This litigation includes the defense of claims involving personal

injury, premises liability, the Air Carrier Access Act, discrimination and general commercial litigation. Currently, she and her firm are representing one of the non-carrier airlines in the litigation pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York arising out of the terrorist attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>. In this litigation, she also worked on responding to requests for information from the Kean Commission and she participated in non-public witness interviews of various airline personnel by Kean Commission staffers.

Kathy teaches annual civil litigation seminars and has written articles for various legal publications including the following articles: "Alleged Im-

proper Handling of In-Flight Medical Emergencies: A Cognizable Claim Under the Warsaw Convention?" and "Asserting Claims for Sexual Assault Under the Warsaw Convention." Ms. Guilfoyle spoke on the Victim's Compensation Fund and the initial stages of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Litigation at the IAWA Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. She spoke on the impact of the Kean Commission Report and the closure of the Victim's Compensation Fund on the litigation at the IAWA Conference in San Francisco, California and she is presently scheduled to speak at the upcoming American Bar Association Program "Women in Transportation" scheduled for June 4, 2008 in Dearborn, Michigan.



# Members in Action

The International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Food Safety Forum was held on April 2, 2008 in Miami, Florida, and two IAWA members, **Alina Nassar** and **Katherine Staton**, participated in the IATA Program. Also in attendance at the Conference was **Danielle Medina**, CEO of Medina International Inc. Alina addressed airlines' due diligence obligations regarding food borne illnesses and service in South and Central America. She discussed legal duties and requirements each carrier might face, and practices and procedures airlines can employ to address food borne illness cases. Alina is a partner at Nassar Abogados, and practices in Costa Rica. Katherine addressed the "Potential Liability Risks Airlines Are Exposed to in the United States Related to Food Borne Illnesses." This presentation covered the liability analysis and risks, jurisdictional considerations, and included a discussion of factors and operational considerations that airlines, who serve food or beverage in the United States, face pertaining to food borne illness. Katherine, a partner in the litigation section of Jackson Walker and a member of the firm's Aviation Practice Group, specializes in aviation and transportation cases, and is IAWA's President-Elect. IATA is a global

trade organization whose mission is to represent, lead, and serve the airline industry. IATA seeks to improve the understanding of the industry among decision makers, and increase awareness of the benefits that aviation brings to national and global economies.



**JANICE HOLDEN**

**Janice Holden**, Chief Commercial Officer at JFK IAT, LLC, the first privatized air terminal in the US, was Keynote Speaker at the Airport Passenger Experience Conference 2008. The two-day conference was held in Zurich, Switzerland over April 1st and 2nd. The conference, which focused on ideas for creating high quality air travel experience and non-aviation opportunities included senior level speakers from Munich International Airport, Copenhagen and Rome Airports and Domodedovo International Airport among others plus airport service providers, such as, Swissport International and Innova Aviation Consulting. In attendance were representatives from airports from around the world.



**KATHERINE STATON**

IAWA President-Elect **Katherine Staton** spoke at the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) Heart of Texas Chapter luncheon in Austin on April 18. She addressed "Changes in the Aviation Industry for Women: The Last 20 Years." WTS is an international organization that advances the personal and professional achievement of women in the transportation industry. The WTS mission is transforming the transportation industry through advancement of women. The Heart of Texas Chapter is located in Austin, Texas.



**ALINA NASSAR**



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# Members in Action



**JOANNE YOUNG**

**Joanne Young, Renee Martin-Nagle and Lisa Piccione** all served as mentors at the April 10th Speed Mentoring Event held by the ABA Forum on Air & Space Law.

**Joanne Young** serves as the President of the International Aviation Club of Washington D.C. The next IAC luncheon will be on May 14th, and features an address by the Chairman and CEO of Lufthansa.

## Marketing Partnership



**LISA PICCIONE**

IAWA joined with 23 major aviation organizations in support of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's 2008 aviation forum on April 3rd. Attending the meeting from IAWA were **Lisa Piccione** and **Joanne Young**, as well as **Tulinda Larsen, Carol Hallet,** and **Kathy Kingston**. The day-long meeting, "Aviation's New Flight Plan: Innovation, Adaptation and Consolidation," assembled hundreds of aviation professionals to discuss the challenges facing the industry. Over the course of the day, the forum addressed air traffic control (ATC) technology, fuel costs, airline consolidation and emerging aviation business models. In addition, IAWA member **Nancy Young** (Air Transport Association) moderated a panel discussion regarding the environmental and energy issues confronting aviation around the world. IAWA had entered a marketing partnership with the US Chamber of Commerce to cross promote IAWA at the conference and the summit in IAWA's material.

**Mia Vouters** and **Elizabeth Freidenberg** served as judges at the Telders Moot Contest organized by Leyden University in The Hague with the finals held at the International Court of Justice.



**ELIZABETH FREIDENBERG**



**NANCY YOUNG**

**PLEASE KEEP US POSTED ON CONFERENCES YOU ATTEND. INCLUDE A BRIEF SUMMARY AND PHOTO. YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL HELP MAKE OUR NEWSLETTER INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE.**



# New Member Spotlights



**SHANI SMITH**

**Shani S. Smith** joined the New York office of the international law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. in 2006. She was previously based in Fulbright's Washington, D.C. office from 2003 to 2005. Shani is currently on secondment to the legal department of the Emirates Group in Dubai, where she is managing many of the airline's new aircraft financings, as well as the refinancing and restructuring of some of the airline's existing credit facilities. She received her B.A. from the University of Southern California, and her J.D. from Georgetown University.

**Elizabeth 'Lynn' Ray** is the Air Navigation Services Workgroup Lead at The Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO) of Washington D.C. JPDO has been charged with setting NEXTGEN operational requirements. Prior to JPDO Lynn was at the FAA for twenty three years. She received her B.S. from Milligan College, her M.S. from the University of South Florida, and her J.D. from Georgia State University.

**Kris Fellrath** is Boeing Commercial Airplanes' vice president of Program Management for Airplane Programs. In that capacity, Christine is responsible for program management across the entire Boeing commercial-airplane production system, including the worldwide network of suppliers/partners who support the system. Kris graduated from Pacific Lutheran University and has completed the Aerospace Industry Manufacturing Program at the University of Washington, as well as Seattle University's Executive Leadership Program.

**Fiona Hodgson** is a Senior Claims Adjuster for Global Aerospace Underwriting Managers of Essex, England. She is responsible for all aspects of coverage and claims and is an experienced negotiator representing company and co-subscribing markets in subrogation and mediation proceedings, settlement conferences, underwriting presentations and claims reviews.



**ALLISON KENDRICK**

**Allison Kendrick** is a partner in the Seattle office of Perkins Coie. She has over a decade of experience in commercial litigation., specializing in aviation. She has represented several aviation product manufacturers and has advised many clients. Allison received her B.A. from Amherst College and her J.D. from the University of Texas.

**Christine O'Brien** works in New Product Introduction in the Purchasing North America division of the Rolls-Royce Corporation. In that capacity, Christine leads the development of long term partnerships with key suppliers to secure financial funding for new product research and development needs. Christine holds a B.A. from Indiana University, and an M.B.A. from Arizona State University.

**Bessie Wong** joined Kaye Scholer LLP as a member of the Aviation Finance and Leasing Group, she manages all aspects of domestic and cross-border commercial and corporate aviation transactions. Bessie received her B.S in Accounting from the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University, and her M.B.A. from Boston University.

## Scholarship News

IAWA Scholarship Applications have been sent to McGill University Institute of Air & Space Law, Montreal, Canada, to be distributed to women students who are working on their Masters Degree in Air and Space Law. The IAWA Scholarship Award will be presented to the winner in September 2008, during an Air and Space Law program sponsored by the American Bar Association's Forum Committee.





# IAWA 20th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Conference Registration Form

Chicago, Illinois  
October 22-24, 2008

Registration fee for members is \$595 and for prospective members is \$750. The government employee fee is \$450. This fee includes all meals and the welcoming reception on Wednesday evening, October 22, 2008. Register on-line at IAWA's website with a credit card: [www.iawa.org](http://www.iawa.org) or complete and return the Registration Form with your payment by October 1, 2008, to Karen Griggs, P.O. Box 1088, Edgewater, MD 21037, Fax: (410) 571-1780. For questions, call (410) 571-1990.

### Cancellation Policy

A service charge of \$75 will be due on cancellations after September 22, 2008.

### Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credit

This program may qualify for credits upon approval from the State Bar Associations. Please note, applying for CLE credits is the sole responsibility of the conference attendee. If requested, a certificate of attendance will be sent to you upon your successful completion of the program.

### Hotel Accommodations

A limited block of rooms are reserved at the Peninsula Hotel at a special conference rate of \$399 (Deluxe Single or Double). Registrants must make their own hotel reservations as indicated below (and you can use the IAWA website registration link for hotel reservations), and must advise the hotel they are attending the IAWA Conference in order to receive the special conference rates. The hotel requires a one night credit card deposit to reserve a room.

The hotel will hold a block of rooms until September 30, 2008, and rooms may be unavailable after this date. Please make your reservations before this date.

**The Peninsula Chicago**  
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Members	\$ _____	\$ _____
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Government Employees	\$ _____	\$ _____
Guest, Monday (Dinner)	\$ _____ per person	\$ _____
Guest, Tuesday (Dinner)	\$ _____ per person	\$ _____

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# INTERNATIONAL AVIATION WOMENS ASSOCIATION



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<p>1) How long have you been a member of the Association?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> less than 6 months  <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months to one year  <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3 years  <input type="checkbox"/> 4-5 years  <input type="checkbox"/> 6 years or more</p>								
<p>2) What is your age?  <b>(This is solely asked to assess relevance of services and programs – not required)</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 25-35  <input type="checkbox"/> 36-45  <input type="checkbox"/> 46-60  <input type="checkbox"/> 60 or older</p>								
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<p>7) What do you feel the Association could do differently to better serve its membership?</p>									



8) What other benefits / services would you like to receive from your Membership with IAWA?	
9) Please advise anyone you think would like to be added to our mailing list.	
10) IAWA offers three scholarships to various universities around the world at SMU, Embry Riddle and McGill. Could you recommend any other institutions that focus on aviation to receive an IAWA scholarship fund?	
11) Do you attend the annual conference? If not, why not?	
12) Can you suggest any topics, speakers or venues for upcoming conferences?	
13) Would you like to become more involved in IAWA and if so please let us know what areas of the Association you are interested in?	
<p><b>Thank you very much for taking time to answer this questionnaire. Your views are important to the development of IAWA.</b></p>	