

Editorial

We are pleased to welcome five new members of the Board of Editors, whom the Board decided to invite in order to expand representation on the Board from North and South America and China, in the areas of both air law and space law.

From the US, we welcome Andrew Harakas, Michael Whitaker and Steve Mirmina.

Andrew is head of the US Aviation Law Practice Group at Clyde & Co's New York office, and has more than twenty-five years of trial and litigation experience in aviation (passenger and cargo), complex tort, regulatory (DOT, FAA, OFAC), insurance and product liability matters. He has argued numerous appeals before federal and state appellate courts throughout the US, including three cases before the US Supreme Court. He has published many articles on a variety of aviation liability and insurance law issues, and is a frequent lecturer at aviation conferences and universities, including McGill and Leiden. He is also on the Editorial Board of the McGill Annals of Air & Space Law.

Michael has spent his career in aviation. His positions have included Assistant General Counsel for regulatory affairs at TWA, Senior Vice president of Alliances, International and Regulatory Affairs at United Airlines, Group CEO of InterGlobe Enterprises (India's largest travel conglomerate and operator of IndiGo Airlines), based in Delhi, and Deputy Administrator of the US Federal Aviation Administration, where he worked closely with the FAA Administrator in running the US air traffic control system. He is now based in Vermont, where he advises airlines and aerospace companies. He holds a private pilot's licence.

Steve is licensed to practice law in Washington DC, and is currently a professor teaching space law at Georgetown University Law Center, and has written many articles on space law subjects. In addition, since 1999 he has served as an attorney within the International Law Division of NASA's Office of the General Counsel, among other things as lead attorney for NASA's Space Operations Mission Directorate and for NASA's telecommunications issues. He received his first LL.M. degree (in air and space law) from Leiden University, after which he spent four years carrying out academic research and consulting with its International Institute of Air & Space Law.

From South America (for the first time) we welcome José Ignacio García Arboleda, who is the senior and founding partner of the law firm García Arboleda Abogados in Colombia, where his practice includes advising airlines and insurers,

and who also teaches aviation law and aviation insurance at Javeriana and Los Andes Universities in Colombia. He holds an LLM degree in air and space law from Leiden University, and is a guest lecturer at its International Institute of Air & Space Law.

From China (also for the first time) we welcome Pai Zheng, who is an assistant professor of international law at East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai, and also works with the Aviation Law Association of the Shanghai Law Society and the Shanghai International Aviation Court of Arbitration. He has published several articles, in English and in Chinese, in the fields of air and space law and international law, is a contributor to the book *The Law of Unmanned Aircraft Systems* and is the author of the book (in Chinese) *Carrier Liability in International Air Passenger Transportation*. He holds an LLM in air and space law from Leiden University.

We look forward to working with these new colleagues on the Board of Editors, and to the increased coverage and understanding, in terms of both geography and expertise, that their membership will bring to the Board.

John Balfour