

Report of Webinar on Air Carrier Liability

The Center for Aero-Space Laws conducted a webinar on 2nd of May, 2020 on the topic of Air Carrier liability. The Panelists for the webinar were Prof. Dr. Sandeepa Bhatt, Professor of Law at West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata and Dr. Shailendra Kumar, Professor at Symbiosis law school, Hyderabad who is also the in-charge of Centre for Aerospace Laws. Firstly, the introduction was given by Shailendra sir about the evolution of Aviation industry and also the evolution of Aero-Space laws.

Then the session was taken over by our guest Dr. Sandeepa Bhatt. He started with the session stating that the air carrier liability laws are more in favor of the carriers than the passengers as the carriers are the people who contribute to the GDP of the Country. He started with Warsaw Convention where the provisions of Air Carrier liability have been stated. He described what is meant by a "carrier" under the Warsaw Convention. Then sir discussed Section 17 of the Warsaw Convention which talks about the Air Carrier liability. He discussed in detail various cases in which the carrier was liable for the activities which took place on board the aircraft. Then he also discussed various exceptions which the carriers can take to escape from the liability such as when the due diligence and care has been taken by the carrier then he can be excepted from the liability.

Then the last 30 minutes were reserved for the question answer session where he answered various like whether government airlines can be excepted from the liability where he denied stating that it cannot be excused. At the end the vote of thanks was given and he also thanked us for inviting him for the session.