



The Business Travel Law Seminar

27 March 2019 • ABTA Ltd, 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ

Agenda

09:30 **Registration, tea and coffee**

10:00 **Welcome and setting the scene from the moderator**

- Global challenges affecting business travel
- Adapting to the changing needs of today's business travellers
- The importance of keeping up to date with regulatory changes and compliance issues

Susan Deer, Senior Solicitor, **ABTA**

10:20 **Business travel regulatory and compliance update**

- The Package Travel Regulations in practice: implications for business travel
- IATA and ATOL reform
- International immigration policy

Joanna Kolatsis, Director, **Themis Advisory Ltd**
Joanna is considered a top TMC and travel lawyer with over 20 years industry experience.

11:00 **Panel discussion: key priorities for business travel during Brexit**

- The final Brexit Withdrawal Agreement and changes for your business
- Supplier and client contracts
- Passport control and visa requirements
- EU legislation and consumer law

Moderator: Susan Deer, Senior Solicitor, **ABTA**
Martin Ferguson, Senior Director, Public Affairs, **American Express Global Business Travel**
Luke Petherbridge, Senior Public Affairs Manager, **ABTA**
Joanna Kolatsis, Director, **Themis Advisory Ltd**

11:40 **Networking tea and coffee break**

12:10 **Data management in business travel – an industry case study**

- Global regulatory landscape: GDPR, ePrivacy, new data protection laws around the globe
- Cross-border data transfers: data localisation laws versus frameworks for transferring data outside the EEA
- The overall transparency principle
- Privacy in client and supplier contracts: controller versus processor, roles, obligates and liabilities

Christel Cao-Delebarre, Global Privacy Officer, Legal & Compliance, **Carlson Wagonlit Travel**

12:40 **Preventing and managing a data breach**

- What are the specific issues for business travel?
- Knowing the vulnerabilities both within your organisation and of your suppliers

Debbie Venn, Partner, **DMH Stallard LLP**

13:00 **Lunch**

13:55 **VAT-TOMS update for business travel**

- The impact of Brexit on VAT and overseas tax reporting
- Legal and practical implications for TMCs of the Med Hotels case

Accountancy firm to be confirmed

14:20 **Employment law and impact for the business travel sector**

- Recent case law and regulation affecting diversity, equality, sexual harassment and #metoo
- TUPE
- Brexit impact, freedom of movement and skills

Abigail Maino, Senior Associate, **DMH Stallard LLP**

14:55 **Networking tea and coffee break**

15:15 **Duty of care – legal update**

- Legal requirements for TMCs and their clients
- Corporate Manslaughter
- Incorporating sharing economy services and serviced accommodation
- Health and safety considerations
- Bleisure
- Ensuring traveller wellbeing

Joanna Kolatsis, Director, **Themis Advisory Ltd**

15:40 **Panel discussion: understanding the specific risks to fulfilling your duty of care**

- Creating and communicating a travel programme with a focus on safety and security
- Legal clarity surrounding bleisure and sharing economy services
- Supporting clients and staff in times of crisis
- Traveller physical and mental health

Moderator: Susan Deer, Senior Solicitor, **ABTA**
Joanna Kolatsis, Director, **Themis Advisory Ltd**
Mark Smith, Head of Business Development, **Simplexity Travel Management**
To be joined by a corporate travel manager

16:15 **Questions and discussion**

Bring your questions to our panel of experts

16:30 **Summary and closing remarks from the moderator**

16:40 **Close of seminar and networking drinks**

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About the event

ABTA's second annual Business Travel Law seminar will provide a comprehensive update on legal issues for the business travel sector including **Brexit**, the relevance of the **new Package Travel Regulations**, **IATA changes** and **GDPR**.

As Brexit continues to dominate the political and business agenda, a recent survey has found that **travel buyers now rate Brexit** as the **number one challenge for business travel**, with many expecting problems as far as 2022*. This seminar will bring together **legal experts** and **senior representatives from TMCs** to discuss the **withdrawal arrangements** and steps the industry should be taking to prepare.

With **traveller safety** and **well-being** still important as ever for corporate travel managers, it is vital for TMCs to gain clarity on the legal issues associated with fulfilling the **duty of care to travellers**. Attend this seminar to further understand how **bleisure** impacts the **business travel exemption** under the new PTRs and discuss the legal considerations of **safely incorporating shared economy services** into travel programmes.

In a post-GDPR world and with several high-profile data breaches in recent headlines, **data management** is more important than ever. This seminar will provide an update on your **obligations beyond GDPR** and advice on **preparing for and managing a data breach**.

Attend this annual seminar for an essential update from ABTA and industry legal expert Joanna Kolatsis on the **key regulatory changes** impacting business travel. Hear from and network with representatives from TMCs, discuss common concerns and learn how industry colleagues have adapted to the changes in the regulatory landscape.

**Business Travel Show survey, 10 December 2018*

Benefits of attending

- Hear **regulatory and compliance guidance** tailored specifically for business travel
- Discuss the final **Brexit agreement** and steps you can take to prepare for the changes
- Understand your **duty of care and liabilities** including the challenges of bleisure and shared economy services
- Get an update on the **ePrivacy Directive** and understand how to maintain **GDPR compliance**
- **Network** and discuss with industry colleagues how they are adapting to the regulatory changes
- Put your questions to **legal experts, TMCs, corporate travel managers** and **ABTA representatives**

Prices

ABTA Member/Partner **£229 plus VAT**
Non-Member/Partner* **£349 plus VAT**

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Who should attend?

This event is aimed at TMCs, corporate travel managers and organisations who have an interest in business travel including:

- Directors and senior managers
- Legal and commercial teams
- Travel managers
- Human resources teams
- Operational and risk management teams.

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