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INTRODUCTION

THE EVENTS of September 11, 2001 have presented what are perhaps the most serious challenges to air travel since the Wright Brothers flew a plane. First and foremost, these events pose a safety threat to all who travel the skies. Paradoxically, they also threaten the fiscal integrity of our entire aviation system, and perhaps the economics of the region, the nation, and the world.

This conference on “Freedom versus Fear: The Future of Air Travel” aims to address both of these critical concerns. Sponsored by *The Journal of Air Law and Commerce*, it represents the first in a series of three conferences held at the newly renamed Dedman School of Law to address the policy concerns emanating out of the events of September 11, 2001. The second conference held on February 7, 2002, addressed “Terrorism’s Burden on Globalization.” This conference on terrorism was made possible through an endowment funded by the late Professor Roy. R. Ray and was sponsored by the International Law Review Association at Dedman School of the Law. Papers from this conference will appear in the spring 2002 volume of *The International Lawyer*. The third conference to be held in April 2002 is entitled “Responding to Global Threats: the Cases for Unilateralism and Multi-lateralism.” This last conference will conclude the series.

The conference on aviation security and economics would not be possible without the efforts of several individuals. Special thanks are given to Dr. Albert Casey, John Nance, and Dean John Attanasio. In addition, special thanks are given to Evan Singer, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce* for his work in organizing the event.

This publication of “Freedom versus Fear: The Future of Air Travel” is dedicated to the memory of those who have been victimized by these terrible events.

