

Current issues in International Carriage by Air

Abstract

The thesis deals with selected topical issues that may arise in today's international civil air transport in the context of the global pandemic of the COVID-19 disease from the perspective of private international law.

The first chapter deals with the history and relevant sources of legal regulation of international civil air transport and their interrelationship. The second chapter addresses the legal status of COVID-19 in the contractual relations of international carriage by air and mentions various past and present initiatives to combat the pandemic by selected states and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The third chapter deals with the theoretical concept of the issue of air carrier liability for damage resulting from the infection of a passenger with COVID-19. It seeks to do so by interpreting and analyzing the relevant terms and, at the same time, the applicable foreign case law and literature. The fourth chapter focuses on the jurisdictional rules in disputes over such damages and compares the current differences in the interpretation and application of these rules by the US and European judiciaries.

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