

Aviation Litigation

According to the old adage, flexibility is the key to airpower. The same idea applies to legal power as well. Businesses in the aviation sector need lawyers with the knowledge and experience to find creative solutions that defy convention. Cozen O'Connor's aviation litigators are consistently successful in handling complex cases involving catastrophic losses and significant exposures by devising innovative approaches.

Cozen O'Connor represents aviation and aerospace insurers and reinsurers, aviation products and component part manufacturers, carriers, airports, repair facilities, and manufacturers and operators of unmanned aircraft systems (drones) in all manner of dispute and investigation. The firm handles wrongful death and survival actions, personal injury claims, antitrust and consumer protection claims, product liability and recalls, property damage claims, liability claims, coverage issues, air accidents, and other claims under the Montreal and Warsaw conventions.

The firm also assists aviation clients in state and federal government investigations. Firm attorneys regularly represent subjects and third parties in federal investigations of all types, including mergers, civil antitrust, consumer protection, and criminal. The firm has a dedicated State Attorney Generals practice that defends clients against state consumer protection, deceptive trade, and advertising claims.

When facing high-stakes litigation, businesses need experienced trial lawyers who know how to get results in the courtroom and aggressively negotiate favorable settlements. Cozen O'Connor attorneys have more collective trial experience than any other comparably sized firm. We have successfully tried aviation cases valued at hundreds of millions of dollars to verdict and served as national coordinating counsel for multinational companies. The firm's well-deserved reputation as a trial powerhouse provides leverage in negotiations and meditations; adversaries know we settle to serve our client's interests, not to avoid court.

The firm's reach is global. With offices in 29 cities across North America and in Europe, and extensive experience working in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa, Cozen O'Connor is ready to respond wherever and whenever the need arises. Cozen O'Connor's Rapid Response Team can be on site within 24 hours to advise on investigations, emergency response protocols, family support services, cleanup, and public relations. Moving forward, our attorneys can handle all ongoing investigations, inquiries, or resulting litigations.

In managing major aviation litigation, Cozen O'Connor carefully tailors its defense strategy to each client and each situation. Rather than providing cookie-cutter answers and stock briefs, Cozen O'Connor adds value by being creative, adaptive, and persuasive. Cozen O'Connor also adds value by staffing with proportionality and employing seasoned attorneys who provide cost-effective service.

Members of the aviation litigation practice includes fellows in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, and American Bar Foundation; a former chair of the American Bar Association's Tort and Insurance Practices Aviation & Space Committee; a past president of the Insurance Law Commission of the Union Internationale des Avocats; a special assistant U.S. Attorney; former Air Force Judge Advocate; and former military pilots with thousands of flight hours.



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- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability
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