The leading firm representing plaintiffs in complex litigation, Kreindler & Kreindler LLP is dedicated to using the legal system to secure the maximum compensation for its clients. For more than 50 years, the firm has enjoyed a global reputation for excellence in aviation, personal injury, commercial and class action cases by regularly winning top awards, establishing new precedents and improving safety for the general population.
THE LEADING LAW FIRM REPRESENTING PLAINTIFFS IN COMPLEX LITIGATION

People harmed by the actions or negligence of others need exceptional legal advocates to guard their rights and to win the fullest measure of justice the law allows. For more than five decades, Kreindler & Kreindler has met, and exceeded, this challenge.

We battle passionately for our clients. We know how to deal with the intricacies of the legal system. Our expertise has earned us an outstanding reputation in complex civil and personal injury litigation—including workplace safety, products liability, medical malpractice, and our world-renowned specialty, aviation litigation.

“We are truly grateful to everyone at Kreindler & Kreindler for helping us through the most painful time in our lives. You have all been consistently helpful, patient, expert, and above all, deeply sensitive to our loss.”

– Phil Huffman, Client

Adhering to a few key principles has given us a position of leadership in the legal profession and, most importantly, helped us to achieve the best possible outcome for our clients.

• We tirelessly pursue the maximum monetary compensation for our clients by whatever legal means available.

• We use our own financial resources to advance every client’s case.

• We recognize that our clients are often in the throes of a life-altering crisis, and treat them with the utmost respect and empathy.
Kreindler & Kreindler founded by Harry E. Kreindler and Lee S. Kreindler.

1961
Kreindler wins Kilberg case which starts a revolution in choice of law jurisprudence expanding plaintiffs’ rights to recover full and fair damages.

1963
Lee S. Kreindler publishes “Aviation Accident Law,” still recognized as the authoritative text in the field.

1970s
Kreindler obtains historic recoveries for passengers in first complex mass disaster aviation cases:

• Turkish Airlines DC-10
  Paris, 1974
• Pan American B-707
  Pago Pago, 1974
• Eastern Airlines B-727
  New York, 1975
• Pan American B-747
  Tenerife (Canary Is.), 1977
• American Airlines DC-10
  Chicago, 1978
A Legacy of Success Worldwide

Time and time again, Kreindler & Kreindler has won cases against multinational corporations and governments. We are never intimidated by the size or financial strength of any adversary. We have been successful in nearly all of the cases we have accepted, setting precedents and achieving record verdicts, ranging to the tens of millions of dollars, even in cases where we have faced substantial legal or jurisdictional obstacles. Our legal resources are truly global and include alliances with extraordinary lawyers throughout the world.

A Pioneer in Aviation Law

Over the years, our firm has grown substantially and is today the largest aviation law firm representing plaintiffs in the world.

Since our founding in 1950 by Harry and his son Lee Kreindler, the firm has been a pioneer in the investigation and prosecution of aviation accident cases, successfully representing victims and their families in nearly every major aviation disaster in the U.S. and worldwide. We have achieved these milestones by applying our expertise as litigators to the laws and treaties that govern air travel. Our firm’s partners are recognized by courts, legislators and our professional peers as the leading experts in the field of aviation law. They are routinely called upon to speak at conferences held by preeminent bar groups. Our partners have authored numerous highly respected books and articles, including the most respected textbook in the aviation litigation field, *Aviation Accident Law*.

Representing Clients Worldwide for More Than Half a Century

Since our founding in 1950, Kreindler & Kreindler has made its mark in every corner of the globe by tenaciously seeking justice for our clients, regardless of whether our adversary is a government or large corporation. Our attorneys have litigated cases around the world, as well as in each of the 50 states in the U.S. The diamonds on the map at right indicate some of the numerous countries in which we have represented clients.
Kreindler & Kreindler's investigations and lawsuits against aircraft manufacturers lead to product improvements such as safer fuel and vacuum pump systems and improved pilot operating manuals and warnings.

1982

Kreindler & Kreindler partners' testimony before Congress and lobbying efforts help defeat the airline industry's attempt to make permanent the Warsaw Convention's limited liability and recovery scheme for passengers engaged in international transportation.

1988

Kreindler & Kreindler accepts representation of Pan American Flight 103 passengers' families and begins its decades long fight to hold airlines and foreign governments accountable and liable for money damages for aviation security failures and acts of terrorism.

1989

Kreindler & Kreindler trial team proves willful misconduct against Korean Airlines, in the infamous Russian "shootdown" case, leading to full recoveries for the victims' families.
EXPERTISE IN GENERAL TORT LITIGATION

The intellectual capital we have amassed has enabled us to achieve extraordinary results in thousands of complex tort, commercial, securities and anti-trust cases. While retaining our stature as the leader in aviation law, our attorneys also led the trial work that resulted in a series of key litigation victories for individuals, groups and commercial enterprises. These cases involved automobile, train and bus accidents; workplace accidents involving defective machinery; construction site accidents; product liability, including dangerous and defective drugs; premises liability; environmental cases; medical malpractice and municipal, military or other governmental liability for serious injury or death.

Trusted by our Peers

Other attorneys, including some of the largest and most highly respected law firms in the world, regularly refer clients to us. These firms know they can rely on Kreindler & Kreindler to win the fullest measure of compensation the law allows and give every client the compassionate care to which they are entitled.

Some of our most successful cases resulting in many of our largest awards resulted from complex and daunting legal challenges that had dissuaded other law firms.

“As a lawyer, my reputation is on the line when I refer a client to another law firm. I have worked with the attorneys at Kreindler & Kreindler for years and have always found them to be knowledgeable, professional and excellent advocates. I will continue to refer clients to them and to co-counsel with them on cases without hesitation.”

– Joy Sperling, Esquire
1992  Kreindler & Kreindler trial team brings victory to families in Pan Am 103 bombing case by proving willful misconduct of the airline for its aviation security failures.

1993  Federal appeals court upholds liability of the United States for polio victims as a result of Kreindler trial verdict proving regulatory violations by government employees supervising the vaccine program.


1995  Through trials and settlements Kreindler obtains record recoveries for passengers of Pan Am Flight 103 from the airline.
RIGOROUS CASE SELECTION AND PREPARATION

We carefully screen and select our cases, so that we are able to give each client the full benefit of the firm’s resources and talent. Our partners and associates include pilots, engineers and a physician. In addition, the firm regularly engages outside experts, including metallurgists, meteorologists, airworthiness inspectors, psychologists, computer technology experts, product designers, economists and accident re-creation professionals.

In addition to monitoring investigations by government agencies, such as the National Transportation Safety Board, Food and Drug Administration and the Securities and Exchange Commission, we also initiate our own independent investigations to determine the facts. We are relentless in case preparation and fight to uncover the truth that a liable operator or manufacturer typically seeks to conceal. In many cases we have discovered the actual causes of accidents that have otherwise eluded both government and private investigators. We apply the most current technology and creative, customized approaches to each case, and work closely with our clients to assemble all of the information necessary to determine the victim’s career opportunities and earnings potential.

We press for the full recovery of non-economic damages when possible, including the intangible losses of love, companionship and parental guidance, as well as pain and suffering and survivor’s grief.

“I was on a business trip when my plane crashed. I broke literally everything from the waist down. Kreindler & Kreindler was a referral from my cousin’s attorney. They changed the way I thought about lawyers. They were about helping me and my family. I knew I was in the right hands.”

– David Spatola, Client
1997  Kreindler partners publish New York Law of Torts, a leading and comprehensive treatise on decisional law and practical considerations for attorneys.

1998  Kreindler's independent investigation of TWA Flight 800 identified to the NTSB our experts’ analysis and conclusion that the center fuel tank explosion was the cause of the disaster.

2000  Kreindler litigation team wins ruling awarding non-economic damages to families in the TWA Flight 800 case and successfully lobbies to amend federal law to substantially increase recoveries for both TWA Flight 800 and Swiss Air Flight 111 victim families.

2001  Kreindler lobbies Congress, the Department of Justice and the Federal Victim Compensation Fund to promote the fullest recoveries for victims of the September 11th tragedy.
INVESTING IN OUR CLIENTS’ CASES

The defendants we oppose are well-funded and hire many of the best law firms in the country to be our adversaries. Kreindler & Kreindler’s substantial financial and professional depth allows us to commit all the resources necessary to achieve the maximum recovery for our clients. Our belief is that only when a law firm is able and prepared to take every case to trial can the client be assured of the best possible outcome.

Fees
We work on a contingent fee basis. In other words, we receive a percentage of the amount recovered only when our client recovers. If there is no recovery, we receive no fee. Our fees are individualized and case specific, and reflect the degree of risk involved in the case, the complexity of the issues presented, the potential recovery and the number of clients we represent in a given case.

Case Expenses
We routinely advance the out-of-pocket costs for investigation and litigation (for example, court filing charges, expert fees and court reporter transcripts). At the conclusion of the case, expenses are reimbursed to us from the recovery, before the contingent fee is calculated.

Referring Attorneys
Approximately half our cases are referred by other attorneys. Kreindler & Kreindler welcomes their involvement and assistance, and we typically share our contingent fees with referring attorneys in proportion to their work and responsibilities.

“Our settlement checks arrived today. I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the work your firm has done on this case. Every step of the way your team has exhibited the highest level of courtesy and integrity. Please accept our sincere gratitude.”

– Tom Hays, Client
2002
Kreindler accepts representation of 350 families who lost relatives in the September 11, 2001 terror attacks before the Federal Victim Compensation Fund and commences litigation against the airlines, security companies and terrorists demanding wrongful death damages for the victims’ families.

2003
Kreindler team wins seven-year battle with Libyan government on behalf of the Pan American Flight 103 families and secures historic $2.7 billion settlement agreement.

Kreindler partners overcome aircraft manufacturer’s government immunity defense and win appellate court affirmaance of $26 million verdict.

2006
Kreindler partners persuade the U.S. Supreme Court and Second Circuit Court of Appeals to protect maritime workers’ rights to recover damages for on-the-job injuries caused by negligent employers.
THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

Choosing the right law firm is typically a difficult decision to make. The stakes are high. In most cases, our clients are devastated by their circumstances and place the future quality of their lives in our hands. We understand and are deeply respectful of that responsibility.

How do we measure the quality of our achievement on behalf of our clients? In a wrongful death or personal injury case, we consider ourselves successful if we have recovered a just award that is the highest the law will allow; that we have found a way to restore financial well-being to the victims and their families, allowing them the opportunity to move forward with their lives; and that our clients have found us to be both highly capable and compassionate. We are proud that our clients feel a sense of trust, comfort and relief after Kreindler & Kreindler has accepted their cases.

Consider how we may be of service to you and contact us at (212) 687-8181 or info@kreindler.com.

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