Brian J. Alexander

Partner

Brian Alexander, Kreindler partner and veteran Army pilot, has been selected Lead Counsel for the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the litigation resulting from the January 2025 Washington, D.C. midair collision over the Potomac River between an Army helicopter and an American Eagle jet. Kreindler represents 34 victims from that tragic incident. Previously, Brian was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for the Boeing 737 MAX litigation arising from the crash of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302. For over two decades, Brian has litigated numerous international and domestic airline cases, commuter, military and general aviation crash cases, most notably as one of the lead attorneys for the September 11th Tort Litigation. After graduating from the United States Military Academy, Mr. Alexander served as a military helicopter and fixed wing pilot from 1985 to 1990. He is a graduate of the Army Aviation Accident Investigation Course and a licensed FAA commercial multi-engine airplane and helicopter pilot with instrument rating. He went on to receive his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

> We do not accept anything at face value and will do whatever it takes to obtain the best results for our clients. That includes traveling the globe, questioning authorities and investing the time, money and expertise necessary to uncover the truth and win.
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> ~ **Brian Alexander** | Partner and Attorney

Brian completed flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama after receiving a B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Notre Dame Law School where he received the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy, the Jessup International Moot Court Award and the American Jurisprudence Award for Trial Advocacy.

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After joining Kreindler, Brian soon made partner and has litigated numerous international and domestic airline, commuter, military and general aviation crash cases. The aviation cases that he has litigated have resulted in significant awards, including several of the highest individual settlements in the United States. The *McClendon v. First Tennessee Bank* case yielded an $8 million jury verdict award — one of the largest in Tennessee history at the time. Brian led the effort litigating the Korean Air Flight 801 tragedy and was the lead examiner for the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) in numerous depositions of airline and FAA personnel. He was also a member of the PSC for the Singapore Flight 006 crash in which he briefed, argued and won a critical choice of law motion for the passengers which resulted in another notably large settlement. Brian has obtained successful settlements for military families against the manufacturers Bell and Boeing arising out of two MV-22 Osprey crashes.

Brian has resolved more than 35 cases arising from the China Air Flight 611 Boeing 747 crash. He vigorously pursued claims against both the airline and the manufacturer, Boeing, for their negligent maintenance and repairs on the aircraft. Among the settlements, Brian obtained the largest recovery for any case on the aircraft for a family from California. Additionally, he has represented the largest group of families in the United States litigation arising from the Boeing 737-300 Helios Airways Flight 522 crash near Athens, Greece.

Product liability cases are technically complex cases involving a wide range of aviation products including jet, turboprop and helicopter engines, avionics equipment, flight computers and flight control systems. Brian has successfully prosecuted numerous product liability cases against Sikorsky, Bell, Robinson and Eurocopter helicopters; Beech (Raytheon), Cessna, Cirrus, Mitsubishi and Piper general aviation aircraft; and Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, Airbus, Bombardier, British Aerospace and other foreign manufactured commercial jet aircraft.

In addition to the multitude of aviation cases Brian has won, he briefed, argued and defeated the Port Authority's motion to dismiss the 9/11 tort lawsuits.

Brian is an aviation expert and legal analyst for several television and radio shows including CNBC, NPR, BBC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, CNN and *The Today Show*. Brian was interviewed by Mike Wallace for *60 Minutes* about his efforts on Capitol Hill to address aviation safety. Brian lectures at ABA conventions and legal symposiums in both the United States and Canada and has authored numerous articles on aviation and product liability litigation. He was the co-editor of the American Bar Association (Torts and Insurance Practice Section) Air and Space Law Newsletter and was a co-author of the book *Litigating the Aviation Case from Pre-Trial to Closing* (ABA 1998). Brian was also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Rutgers School of Law where he teaches a course on Aviation Accident Litigation.

Practice Focus

Education

- Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN, J.D. - 1993 Honors: International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Trial Advocacy; Jessup International Moot Court Award

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- United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, B.S. - 1985 Honors: Distinguished Military Graduate

Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Sixth Circuits
- United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of NY
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Exemplar Cases Include:

- Army Helicopter / AA Flight 5342 Midair Collision, Washington, D.C.
- Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 Boeing 737 MAX, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Airbus Eurocopter AS350 B2 Helicopter crash, Kauai, Hawaii
- East River Liberty Helicopter Tours crash, New York City, New York
- Asiana Airlines Flight 214 crash, San Francisco, California
- Caribbean Airlines Flight 523 crash, Georgetown, Guyana
- Continental Airlines Flight 1404 crash, Denver, Colorado
- Hawker 800 crash, Owatonna, Minnesota
- Marlin Air Cessna Citation 550 crash, Lake Michigan
- Kenya Airways Flight 507 Boeing 737 crash near Douala, Cameroon
- Singapore Airlines Flight 006 Boeing 747 crash near Taipei, Taiwan
- Korean Airlines Flight 801 Boeing 747 crash near Agana, Guam
- China Air Flight 611 Boeing 747, Taiwan
- Helios Airways Flight 522 crash near Athens, Greece

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