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Erin has dedicated her career to seeking justice for people harmed during air travel. As a partner in Kreindler's aviation practice, she represents the interests of victims severely injured or killed in general aviation accidents and commercial airline disasters. Erin is part of the Kreindler litigation team representing 34 victims of the January 2025 midair collision in Washington, D.C., serving as a member of the court-appointed Plaintiffs' Steering Committee. She also represents 14 passengers in the litigation arising from the February 2025 crash-landing of Delta Flight 4819 in Toronto, serving as co-chair of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee. Erin is the current Chair of the American Bar Association's Aviation and Space Law Committee. She is widely recognized as an authority on the Montreal Convention, the international treaty on commercial air travel.

Erin maintains a robust practice representing passengers who have been seriously injured during commercial flights.

Erin's other major cases at Kreindler include the Southwest Airlines Flight 1380 catastrophic engine failure and the Liberty Helicopters doors-off tour helicopter crash in the East River. For the past six years, Erin has played a key role in Kreindler's fight against Boeing in the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302/737 MAX litigation. She was appointed by the court as a member of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee for the Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 cases and was instrumental in the victims' families' effort to overturn the Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) between Boeing and the Department of Justice (DOJ). She also handles a significant docket of personal injury matters on behalf of passengers seriously injured aboard commercial airline flights.

> A heartfelt thank you as well to Erin for her kindness and availability throughout all these years. Despite the distance and the difficulty of this ordeal, every exchange we had was always filled with care, humanity, and great professionalism. I truly appreciated your presence and the support you provided

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> throughout this entire process.
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> ~ **Family Member & Client** | Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 Accident

Erin is a regular speaker at aviation conferences on topics ranging from recent developments in aviation law to the prosecution of foreign air crashes. She also teaches several highly regarded CLE courses on aviation-related matters.

Erin frequently contributes insight on a variety of aviation-related topics to major media outlets and has published numerous articles concerning the legal rights of passengers injured or killed during international travel. Her contributions have been featured in the prestigious McGill University Annals of Air and Space Law, the International Comparative Legal Guides, and the New York Law Journal. Erin is a regular guest on the Airplane Geeks podcast, where she discusses current events in aviation from a liability perspective.

Erin is a former Co-Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Air and Space Law Committee and is the current Chair-Elect of the American Bar Association's Aviation and Space Law Committee. She is an active member of the American Association for Justice's Aviation Law Section. Erin is a graduate of the 2018-19 class of the ABA's Leadership Academy, an honor bestowed upon only 20 young attorneys nationwide. She also participates in a mentorship program through her alma mater, offering guidance to current Brooklyn Law students who demonstrate an interest in plaintiffs' litigation or aviation law.

Erin earned her Bachelor's Degree in 2007 from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida and her Juris Doctor in 2010 from Brooklyn Law School in Brooklyn, New York. She is a native of Florida, where she currently lives with her husband and their two children.

Practice Focus

- Aviation Accidents
- Wrongful Death

Education

- Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York
- University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Bar Admissions

- New York State
- U.S. District Court – Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court – Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court – Western District of New York

Exemplar Cases Include:

- Army Helicopter / AA Flight 5342 Midair Collision, Washington, D.C.
- Delta Flight 4819, Toronto, Ontario

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- Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Southwest Airlines Flight 1380 Catastrophic Engine Failure, Bernville, Pennsylvania
- East River Liberty Helicopter Tours crash, New York City, New York

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