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James Kreindler continues to lead our effort in the 9/11 terrorism litigation case representing of the 9/11 families to hold Saudi Arabia accountable for its role in the September 11, 2001 attacks. A longtime specialist in aviation accident and terrorism litigation, James previously took the lead role as a member of the Plaintiffs' Committee in the Pan Am 103 families' lawsuit against Pan Am and Libya.

The Libya-Pan Am Flight 103 litigation resulted in the largest financial recovery for a single disaster in the history of aviation — nearly $3 billion.

> We take pride and work diligently to achieve record-setting victories on behalf of our clients.
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> ~ **James Kreindler** | Partner and Attorney

James joined Kreindler in 1983 and became a partner in 1987. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College and later received his J.D. degree from Columbia University where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar. He began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County (Brooklyn) District Attorneys' Office.

> Jim has worked tirelessly since 2001 to hold those responsible for 9/11 to account.

The September 11th lawsuit presents many challenging facets, alleging that members of the government of Saudi Arabia provided critical financial and logistical support to the 9/11 hijackers prior to the attacks in 2001.

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This case is the first to proceed under the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, also known as JASTA, passed by Congress in 2016. James has played a major role in many notable airline disaster cases including:

- Chairman of the Plaintiffs' Committee for the 2009 Colgan Flight 3407 crash in Buffalo, New York
- Member of the Plaintiffs' Committee for the 1998 Swissair Flight 111 disaster near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia
- Member of the Plaintiffs' Committee for the 1996 TWA Flight 800 disaster off Long Island, New York

Jim is a frequent lecturer on aviation accident litigation and terrorism litigation throughout North and South America and Europe. He is the only plaintiffs' attorney in the United States, other than Lee Kreindler, asked to lecture at International Airline Transportation Association meetings.

Practice Focus

- Aviation Accidents
- Terrorism Litigation

Education

- Columbia Law School, New York, NY, J.D. - 1980 Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) - 1977

Bar Admissions

- New York
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, and Ninth Circuits
- United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

Exemplar Cases Include:

- 9/11 Terror Lawsuit Against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Mumbai Terror Attack Litigation
- Colgan Flight 3407 crash in Buffalo, New York
- Egypt Air Flight 990 crash off Nantucket
- Swissair Flight 111 disaster near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia
- Pan Am Flight 103 Lockerbie Bombing Litigation against Libya
- TWA Flight 800 disaster off Long Island, New York

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