Kevin J. Mahoney

Partner

Partner Kevin Mahoney is playing a pivotal role on the Kreindler legal team representing dozens of victims following the 2026 fatal runway crash at LaGuardia Airport between an arriving Air Canada jet and a NY/NJ Port Authority fire truck. Kevin played an important role in the litigation resulting from the Francis Scott Key Bridge tragedy, in which the firm successfully settled cases for most of the wrongful death victims. Kevin is also on the Kreindler legal team that represents 34 victims of the 2025 Washington, D.C. midair collision over the Potomac River between an Army helicopter and an American Eagle jet. His broad experience covers a wide array of transportation litigation involving airliners, military aircraft, general aviation aircraft, air tour operations, maritime vessels and tractor-trailers, as well as premises liability disputes throughout the United States.

After an immediate family member suffered a severe traumatic brain injury, Kevin experienced firsthand the enormous toll that a catastrophic injury takes on the victim and their loved ones. This experience informs his zealous representation of his clients every day. Kevin has advocated on behalf of plaintiffs in virtually every type of aviation accident case, from general aviation accidents to international airline disasters and military aircraft mishaps.

> The attorneys at Kreindler are committed to using our investigative resources to compile the facts surrounding a case in combination with our decades of experience practicing aviation law to hold defendants accountable on behalf of our clients.
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> ~ **Kevin Mahoney** | Kreindler Attorney

Kevin is an aggressive advocate for injured people in high-stakes litigation against well-funded and sophisticated corporate defendants.

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Representative cases include:

- The Boeing 737 MAX Litigation in Illinois.
- Crash of a Navy MH-53E helicopter on the “high seas” off the coast of Virginia
- Lightning strike and brain injuries suffered by an airport ground worker in Florida
- Crash of a Cirrus SR-22 as a result of air traffic control negligence
- Crash of a Bell 206 helicopter during an air-tour flight in Tennessee
- Crash of a de Havilland DHC-3 Otter air-tour seaplane in Alaska
- Crash of a Cessna 172 after engine failure in New Jersey
- Crash of a privately operated Learjet in Mexico
- Crash of a Boeing AH-64D “Apache” helicopter in Mali
- Mild traumatic brain injury suffered by passenger on international flight
- Burn injuries suffered by infant passenger on international flight

Kevin is also frequently retained in maritime injury cases outside of the aviation context. He has represented victims of the *MV Conception* disaster in California, the family of a Jones Act vessel operator killed in a night-time collision, as well as surviving passengers of a capsized sailboat off the coast of the United States.

Kevin is also an appellate advocate. In *Van Dorn v. M1 Support Services, L.P.*, he successfully appealed the improper dismissal of a military helicopter crash case to the Supreme Court of Texas. The Court unanimously reinstated the case, holding that the trial court misapplied “the political question doctrine.” The Court’s decision ensures that future military service members can continue to access the courts in Texas.

In *In re: Lion Air*, in the Seventh Circuit, Kevin advocated on behalf of the American Association for Justice, arguing in an amicus briefthat victims of accidents on the high seas have a constitutional right to trial by jury. He has also frequently represented appellants in pro bono matters before the Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division, where he was a law clerk.

Kevin is an active commentator on air accidents and personal injury litigation generally. He has published or lectured on preemption, military air crash disputes, and personal jurisdiction, among other topics. He is presently the Chair of the Aviation Section of the American Association for Justice, a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, the New Jersey Association for Justice and a member of the Pan-European Organization of Personal Injury Lawyers.

Practice Focus

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Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ, J.D. (Magna Cum Laude) - 2014
- New York University, New York City, NY, B.A. (Cum Laude) - 2009

Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey
- United States District Court District of New Jersey
- United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

Exemplar Cases Include:

- Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Francis Scott Key Bridge, Baltimore, Maryland
- Airbus Eurocopter AS350 B2 Helicopter Crash, Kauai, Hawaii
- MV Conception Scuba Dive Boat Fire, Santa Cruz Island, California

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