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While Steven Pounian's litigation practice mainly focuses on aviation litigation, he also focuses on mass disaster cases, many of which are nationally reported on, including high-profile lawsuits like the September 11th terrorism litigation. Steven has authored countless articles demonstrating his vast experience litigating complicated cases.

> We need discovery from Saudi Arabia. We're coming here for justice. They have the evidence; they have the witnesses. That's who we need to prove the case.
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> ~ **Steven Pounian** | Attorney for the 9/11 victims and their families

Several esteemed organizations have invited Steven to speak about aviation litigation. He has delivered papers and given lectures at America Bar Association (ABA) Conventions and National Institutes, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Convention, New York State Bar Litigation Seminars and the Southern Methodist University Air Law Symposium.

> After many years of litigation, Steven, along with the plaintiffs' team, established liability against the Libyan government for its role in the 1988 terrorist plane bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland. We recovered over $2.7 billion, approximately $10 million for the family of each victim.

Steven has been involved in litigating numerous aviation crash cases involving commuter and military aircraft as well as related product liability cases. He has also appeared pro hac vice in several state and federal courts throughout the country. Notable aviation crash trials Steven has handled include the Korean Air Lines disaster and the USAF CT-43 crash in Croatia. Other significant cases include:

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- September 11 terrorism litigation
- The Pan Am 103 disaster over Lockerbie
- TWA Flight 800
- American Airlines Flight 587
- Eastern Air Lines Flight 66

Steven graduated Magna Cum Laude from Georgetown University and earned his J.D. from New York University. While there, he was Senior Editor of the Review of Law and Social Change, a scholarly student publication dedicated to promoting creative solutions to social issues through law.

Steven was elected to be Chair of the Aviation and Space law Committee of the ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS). He also served as Chair of the Trial Techniques Committee of ABA TIPS as well as the Vice-Chair of the Litigation Committee of ABA TIPS. Other roles include Court-appointed mediator in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and Court-appointed arbitrator in the Eastern District of New York. Honors include a full five star rating from Martindale-Hubbell® and a consistent listing as a New York Super Lawyer®.

Practice Focus

- Aviation Accidents
- Terrorism Litigation

Education

- New York University School of Law, New York City, NY, J.D. – 1980
- Georgetown University, Washington DC, B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) – 1977

Bar Admissions

- New York
- United States District Courts for the Southern District of NY
- United States District Courts for the Eastern District of NY
- United States Federal Courts
- United States Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

Exemplar Cases Include:

- 9/11 Terror Lawsuit Against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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- Korean Air Lines Flight 007 crash into Sea of Japan
- Pan American Flight 103 disaster over Lockerbie, Scotland
- TWA Flight 800 crash near Long Island, NY
- American Airlines Flight 587 in Belle Harbor, NY
- Eastern Air Lines Flight 66 crash at JFK International Airport, NY

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