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Stuart Fraenkel practices a wide variety of law that includes aviation crashes, automobile accidents, premises liability, binding arbitrations, personal injury, wrongful death and insurance bad faith cases. Stuart has been a member of several high profile Plaintiffs' Steering Committees including the China Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Korean Airlines cases. He was one of the lead counsels in the landmark SilkAir settlement. Stuart is a frequent lecturer and belongs to many prestigious legal organizations.

Having joined Kreindler as a partner in June 2003, Stuart is also one of the founding partners of the Los Angeles office. Stuart is a Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review AV rated attorney signifying that he has reached the height of professional excellence and is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity. He is well versed in national and international conflicts and choice of law issues.

Stuart has handled numerous high profile personal injury and wrongful death cases throughout his career with notable results. His injury cases have encompassed significant burn injuries, brain injuries, paraplegia, quadriplegia, orthopedic injuries, nerve damage, significant psychological and other emotional distress injuries. Stuart is well versed in state and federal tort claims procedures and requirements.

Stuart has litigated numerous international and domestic airline, commuter, military and general aviation crash cases. The commercial airlines crashes and incidents he has litigated include:

- China Air Flight 611, over the Straits of Taiwan
- Singapore Airlines Flight SQ006, Taipei, Taiwan
- Silk Air Flight MI 185, Palembang, Indonesia
- China Airlines Flight 642, Hong Kong, China
- Korean Air Flight 801, Agana, Guam

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- Gulf Air Flight 072, Bahrain
- TAESA Flight 725, Michoacan, Mexico
- Korean Air Flight 1533, Pohang, Korea
- Faucett Flight 251, Arequipa, Peru
- Aeroperú Flight 603, Ancon, Peru
- Millon Air, Manta, Ecuador

In the area of insurance bad faith, Stuart has litigated numerous first party bad faith actions in cases arising out of the failure of insurance companies to defend and/or indemnify its insured, as well as low-balling and fire loss.

Stuart is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) where he served on the Barristers Executive Committee, was the Barristers Secretary, and was a committee member on the Community Outreach, Continuing Legal Education, Children's Rights, Bench and Bar and Networking committees. He has participated in numerous Los Angeles County "Law Day" programs and served as Chair of the program in 1999 and was as a judge for the Annual Western Regional Finals Moot Court Competition. Stuart was appointed to and served as a Trustee on the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Board of Trustees, was a Board Member for the Los Angeles County Foundation, and was a Delegate for the Los Angeles County Bar Association Conference of Delegates. He has served as the Chair for the Lawyer Referral and Information Services, is a member of the Access to Justice committee, and acted as a Mentor for the LACBA Mentor/Mentee program. Stuart also serves on the Editorial Board for the Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine and is the co-founder of the LA Thursday Club, a legal and business related networking organization.

A member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ, formerly ATLA), Stuart was elected to and served as the Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chair, Chair-Elect and Chair for the Aviation section and has been actively involved in coordinating the section's annual educational programs. He was also appointed to the AAJ Aviation Legislation Task Force and has served as the California State Delegate. Stuart serves on the both the International Relations and Public Relations Committees.

Stuart lectures frequently, having spoken at seminars, functions and educational programs such as AAJ/ATLA CLE events, ABA CLE events, Lorman CLE events, NBI CLE events, a Pacific Northwest Aviation and Insurance CLE event and a Lawyer Pilot Bar Association CLE event.

Practice Focus

- Aviation Accidents
- Product Liabilities
- Maritime & Boating Accidents
- Wrongful Death
- Mass Torts

Education

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- Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, CA
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 1989, Member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity

Bar Admissions

- California

Exemplar Cases Include:

- Alaska Airlines Flight 536, Seattle, WA
- Alaska Airlines Flight 338, Long Beach, CA
- China Air Flight 611, over the Straits of Taiwan
- Singapore Airlines Flight SQ006, Taipei, Taiwan
- SilkAir Flight MI 185, Palembang, Indonesia
- China Airlines Flight 642, Hong Kong, China
- Korean Air Flight 801, Agana, Guam
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