



CLIFFORD LAW OFFICES

30 YEARS OF COMMERCIAL LAW AVIATION LIABILITY



Clifford Law Offices has developed an international reputation in aviation litigation.

1989

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 232

A severely injured 70-year-old woman was awarded \$28.3 million when the plane cartwheeled down the runway during landing and burst into flames. A Chicago area man who lost his wife and daughter was awarded \$15 million. Clifford Law Offices was key in proving that GE, the makers of the engine, failed to detect a crack during routine inspection.

1991

AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 585

This was the first case to identify rudder problems in 737 aircrafts that led to FAA modifying its design. Clifford Law Offices represented five families, including four crew members, and reached a settlement with Boeing and American Airlines.

1994

USAIR FLIGHT 427

All 132 passengers on Flight 427 were killed during landing due to a rudder malfunction. The FAA enacted three modifications to the aircraft to prevent future air catastrophes. Clifford Law Offices obtained \$54 million for the families it represented.

1994

AMERICAN EAGLE FLIGHT 4184

An inattentive flight crew and a poorly designed de-icing boot during an ice storm caused a crash that killed everyone on board. Clifford Law Offices represented 16 passengers' families and helped to secure \$110 million for 28 families whose damages cases were consolidated.

1994

AMERICAN EAGLE FLIGHT 3379

Flight 3379 went down in Morrisville, North Carolina; after one engine failed and the plane's pilot did not follow proper procedures.

1995

TAROM AIRLINES FLIGHT 371

All 60 passengers were killed when the pilot of Flight 371 lost control due to health problems over Romania. The co-pilot attempted to turn on the autopilot, but necessary parameters were not met. Clifford Law Offices settled the case for \$4.7 million for a business consultant who was a passenger aboard this tragic flight.



1996

TWA FLIGHT 800

Flight 800 crashed off the coast of New York due to an explosion in the center wing fuel tank. Clifford Law Offices represented a victim's family and collected damages in a case filed in New York federal district court.

1998

SWISSAIR FLIGHT 111

Blanket material later deemed unsafe led to a fire spreading quickly on the plane. Flight 111 went down off the coast of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Clifford Law Offices represented the family of one passenger.

1999

AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 1420

The flight crew was unable to control Flight 1420 during inclement weather, causing the aircraft to overshoot the runway and crash into a chain-link fence in Little Rock, Arkansas. The captain and ten passengers were killed, and the first officer, four flight attendants and 105 passengers were injured. Clifford Law Offices settled the case of two brothers who survived.

1999

EGYPTAIR FLIGHT 990

217 passengers were killed when Flight 990 crashed near Nantucket, Massachusetts. The NTSB determined the crash was caused by the first officer. Among those killed, an 80-year-old woman who left behind a legally-blind husband who relied on his wife for help.

2000

SINGAPORE AIR FLIGHT 006

After entering the wrong runway, a Boeing 747 rolled and collided into construction equipment, bursting into flames. There were 83 casualties, including four crew members.



2000

ALASKA AIR FLIGHT 261

Clifford Law obtained more than \$40 million in settlements for seven families after Flight 261 crashed in the Pacific Ocean. Nearly 100 depositions were needed to determine that a faulty jackscrew system caused the crash that killed all 88 aboard.

2001

AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 11 & UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 175

Clifford Law Offices represented the property interests of those involved in the destruction of the World Center Twin Towers on 9/11. These suits were complex, representing insurance companies and business interests around the world. It settled in 2012 for \$1.2 billion.

2002

AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587

The NTSB determined Flight 587 crashed due to faulty actions taken by the first officer during take-off that caused the tail of the aircraft to fall off. All 260 passengers were killed when the plane crashed in a residential neighborhood in New York.



2003

TURKISH AIRLINES FLIGHT 634

Clifford Law Offices represented the wife of the only American on board Flight 634 Turkey. The plane crashed in thick fog as it approached Diyarbakir Airport.



2009

CONTINENTAL CONNECTION FLIGHT 3407

All 49 passengers and one man on the ground were killed when Flight 3407 crashed into a home en route to Buffalo, New York. Clifford Law Offices represented four families of lost loved ones in this crash.

2009

TURKISH AIRLINES FLIGHT 1951

Nine people were killed when Flight TK1951 crashed into a muddy field in Amsterdam. The aircraft tore into three pieces on impact, scattering debris. The aircraft had recently undergone repairs. Clifford Law Offices represented 21 families who lost loved ones.

2005

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 1248

Flight 1248 crashed through a barrier and into traffic, killing six-year-old Joshua Woods in the back seat of his family's car. Other members of his family were injured. Clifford Law Offices obtained a confidential settlement amount.

2006

COMAIR FLIGHT 5191

Clifford Law Offices represented five families of crash victims who were killed when the pilots of Flight 5191 crashed after going down a short unlit runway early in the morning. 47 people were killed as well as two crew members.

2011

CARIBBEAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 523

A scheduled international flight from JFK Airport in New York crashes upon landing in Guyana, nearly plunging into a ravine. Clifford Law Offices represented five individuals who were injured in cases filed in New York federal court under the Montreal Convention.

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