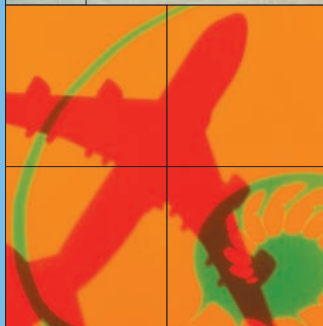


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Why Thompson Hine?

Our lawyers have extensive general product liability experience, having litigated thousands of matters in jurisdictions throughout the United States. We serve as national counsel to many clients and achieve cost-effective litigation management by knowing each client's business and industry, understanding recurring factual and legal issues in the litigation facing each client and creating a strategic approach that is uniformly applied. We use sophisticated extranets and electronic case management tools, customized electronic invoicing and 24/7 IT support to efficiently manage client matters and communications. By investing time to understand the client's business and industry, we are able to apply our extensive product liability experience in a way that meets each client's specific needs and to develop a cost-effective approach to litigation management and resolution.

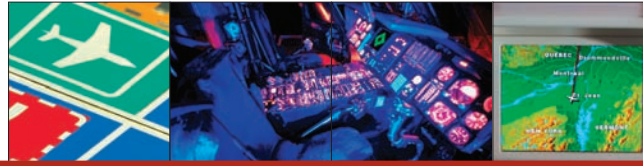
Aviation Litigators

Thompson Hine's Product Liability group has extensive experience defending airframe and aircraft component part manufacturers against product liability actions arising from aviation incidents. We also have litigated aviation industry commercial disputes and counseled industry members in dispute resolution and risk avoidance.

Representative Matters

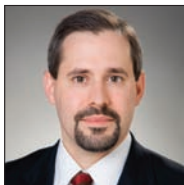
- We obtained a defense verdict in a \$90 million product liability action relating to the deicing equipment installed on an Embraer EMB-120 commercial aircraft. The aircraft crashed in icing conditions near Monroe, Michigan, resulting in 29 fatalities. The case involved allegations regarding the coverage area of the pneumatic equipment and instructions relating to its operation. At trial, we obtained a directed verdict on the design claim and a defense jury verdict on the warning claim, which were both successfully defended on appeal.
- We prosecuted a commercial action on behalf of a major manufacturer of commercial and general aviation component parts. The part at issue was a fuel spray nozzle used in certain Rolls Royce engines installed on Airbus and Boeing aircraft. A commercial airliner experienced an in-flight engine fire and shutdown in Paris that was linked to the failure of the fuel spray nozzle. This led to the worldwide replacement of thousands of fuel spray nozzles on hundreds of aircraft and millions of dollars in damages to the manufacturer and its insurer. We developed a case for liability against the forging supplier, resulting in a highly favorable resolution.

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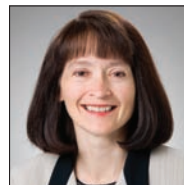


- We defended a European manufacturer of rotary aircraft in a product liability action arising from a fatal MedEvac helicopter crash. The incident occurred when the helicopter attempted lift-off from a hospital roof in high wind. Our lawyers successfully positioned the case for a favorable resolution.
- We represented the leading manufacturer of general aviation global positioning systems against a product liability action arising from a fatal accident involving a Mooney M20R Ovation in Virginia. We obtained a dismissal of all claims against the component part manufacturer.
- We have defended the world's leading deicing equipment manufacturer against multiple claims arising from fatal crashes of cargo and private flights involving deicing equipment installed on Cessna 208B Caravan aircraft.
- We defended an avionics manufacturer in an alleged product liability matter arising from an in-flight collision of a Cessna 172 and a Lancair 235.
- We defended a major manufacturer of aircraft engines and component parts against a personal injury claim involving the separation of a magneto from a Piper Lance II aircraft after take-off. The event resulted in significant injuries to a businessman who asserted a \$20 million economic loss claim due the business interruption caused by the event. We obtained a dismissal of the economic loss claim, thereby positioning the case for resolution.
- We represented a manufacturer of aircraft engine mufflers in litigation arising from a three-person fatal crash involving a Grumman American AA-5.
- We defended an aircraft maintenance provider against claims by the family of an Ohio-based passenger killed in a US Airways commuter crash in North Carolina. Claims relating to the event were consolidated through multidistrict litigation, and the Ohio-based claims were resolved without significant expense.
- We defended a general aviation aircraft manufacturer against a claim involving engine fire damage. We successfully resolved the case in a cost-efficient and effective manner.
- We defended the manufacturer of landing gear components for C-130 aircraft in a commercial dispute and prosecuted a counterclaim for unpaid amounts. The matter was successfully resolved without trial.
- We counseled an aircraft maintenance company in connection with the resolution of pre-suit claims arising from the fatal crash of a cargo aircraft near St. Louis, Missouri. The matter was resolved before costly litigation was commenced.

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OUR CLIENT SERVICE PLEDGE

What Our Clients Can Expect From Us . . .

1. We will know your business.

We make it our business to understand your business. We will invest our time and resources to develop and maintain knowledge of the dynamics that impact both your industry and your organization. Understanding your business will help us provide better counsel to you.

2. We will plan our engagements with you.

We know that clients differ in their goals, risk tolerance and a variety of other factors that must be taken into consideration before work can begin on any matter. At the beginning of every significant matter, we will work with you to develop a plan to meet your strategic goals. By agreeing on a plan at the beginning—and adjusting it as needed—we will stay focused on what is most important to you.

3. We will manage your work as if we were the client.

We will work with you to manage your costs. We will staff every matter with the right resources, and we will manage the work as if we were the client—delivering the highest quality of service on time and in the most cost-effective manner.

4. We will be available when you need us.

We recognize that you often need to make swift decisions and act quickly. We will be ready to act for you when you need us, and we will make ourselves available wherever and whenever necessary.

5. We will communicate often.

Our goal is that you will never be surprised about developments in anything we are handling. We will provide regular updates on the progress of your matters, including all significant developments and changes to scope, timeline or budget.

6. We will provide the highest-quality counsel.

Above all else, we stand for the highest quality. Our lawyers, paralegals and staff take pride in the work they do. From the boardroom to the courtroom, you can count on Thompson Hine for the highest-quality service.

What Our Clients Can Do To Help . . .

1. We ask you to share your goals.

The more we know about your goals, the better we can manage our services to help you attain them. If your goals change as a matter progresses, we ask that you tell us, so we can adjust our approach to meet your expectations.

2. We want to know your preferences for working with us.

We ask you to tell us your preferred methods of communication, invoice and billing procedures, and anything else that is important to you, so that we can deliver our service the way you want it.

3. We need your feedback.

We want your feedback on our performance so that we can continue to meet and exceed your expectations.

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