



Steven C. Marks

Steven C. Marks holds a BA from the University of Florida (cum laude) and a JD from the University of Miami (cum laude), where he was editor-in-chief of the Law Review. He is an alumni editorial-board member of the University of Miami Law Review. Steve is admitted to the Florida Bar. He is a member of the Bar and Gavel Law Society and the Order of the Coif, and is on the Board of Directors of the University of Miami Law School Alumni Association (2003 to 2006). Steve is also an inaugural member of the University of Miami Law School Dean's Council and a member of the University of Miami Law Review Alumni Advisory Board.

He is a member of the Dade County Bar Association, American Bar Association (Aviation & Space Law Committee, Program Planning Committee for National Institute on Aviation Litigation, editorial board member, Torts and Insurance Practice Section and Tort and Insurance Law Journal Committee, and The Brief); The Florida Bar; Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers; The Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Aviation Law Section, Aviation Section); Dade County Trial Lawyers; Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates (Miami Chapter); Fellow, American Bar Foundation, Litigation Counsel of America, Trial Lawyers Honorary Society, and the Inns of Court.

Steve was recently appointed to the Legal Advisory Committee for the International Civil Aeronautical Organization; the Flight Safety Foundation Advisory Board; as Consultant and Board Member for AURA, an aviation company launching executive flights in 2019/20. He is the only victim's advocate on the board.

Steve is also a Trustee for the National YoungArts Foundation.

He is listed in Florida Trend's "Florida Legal Elite," 2009, 2013; Florida Super Lawyers, 2006-2018; Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators "New Star" 2006 and 2007; South Florida Legal Guide, Top Lawyers, 2007-2018; The Expert Guide to the World's Leading Aviation Lawyers, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2017; Best Lawyers in America 2007-2020; Chamber's USA's Guide to Leading Lawyers for Business 2008-2010, 2014-2018, named in the Daily Business Review's "Most Effective Lawyers" 2010 and "Professional Excellence – Distinguished Leaders" 2017 .

Steve focuses on personal injury and wrongful death litigation, product liability, aviation litigation, commercial litigation, class actions, medical malpractice, premise liability, and admiralty.

He has acted as lead counsel, appointed court counsel and/or counsel representing victims in a number of commercial class actions and major airline crashes, including: NFL Concussion Litigation Executive Committee Member and co-lead settlement class counsel, 2014; acting as lead Plaintiffs' counsel in the American Airlines Flight 331, crash in Jamaica, 2010; acting as co-lead trial counsel for the California State Court plaintiffs' after a Silk Air crash between Jakarta and Singapore in 1997; acting as lead liaison counsel for the State Court and Federal multi-district litigation (MDL) plaintiffs' steering committees over the ValuJet Flt. 592 crash, Everglades, 1996, and acting as a member of the MDL plaintiffs' steering committee for the Arrow Air military charter crash, Newfoundland, 1985.

General and major commercial airline crashes he has handled include: Ethiopian Airlines Flt. 302, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, crash just 6 minutes after take-off en route to Nairobi, 2019; Lion Air Flt. 610, Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta, crash 12 minutes after take-off, 2018; Metrojet Flt. 9268, from Egypt, en route to Saint Petersburg, Russia, 2015; Germanwings Flt. 9525, from Barcelona, Spain to Dusseldorf, Germany; 2015; Malaysian Airlines, Flt. MH370, from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, 2014; Gulfstream IV, crash on take-off, Bedford, Massachusetts, 2014; IBC Airways, La Alianza, Puerto Rico, 2013; Dana Air, Flt. 992, Abuja, Nigeria, 2012; Central American Airways Flt. 731, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 2011; Conviasa Airlines, Flt. 2350, Bolivar, Venezuela, 2010; Aires Airlines Flt. 8250, San Andres Island, Colombia, 2010; Ethiopian Airlines Flt. 409, Mediterranean Sea, 2010; American Airlines Flt. 331, Kingston, Jamaica, 2009; Air France Flt. 447, Atlantic Ocean, 2009; Colgan Air – Continental, Flt. 3407, Buffalo, New York, 2009; Aeroflot-Nord, Flt. 821, Perm Airport, Russia, 2008; SpanAir, Flt. 5022, Barajas Airport, Spain, 2008; TACA Airlines, Flt. 390, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 2008; Santa Barbara Airlines, S.A., Flt. 518, near Merida, Venezuela 2008; TAM Airlines, Flt. 3054, Congonhas Airport, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2007; Comair, Flt. 5191, crash on takeoff from Lexington, Kentucky, 2006; Sibir Airlines Flt. 778 from Moscow Russia, 2006; GOL Airlines, Flt. 1907, mid-air collision in the Amazon, Brazil 2006; Chalk's Ocean Airways Flt. 101 air disaster, Miami, FL, 2005; Helios Airways air disaster near Cyprus, 2005; Tropical Air, LET 410, Cap Haitian, Haiti, 2003; mid-air collision over German airspace involving Bashkirian Airlines Flt. 2937 and DHL Flt. 611, 2002; American Airlines, Flt. 587,

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Education

- University of Miami, J.D., cum laude, 1985
- University of Florida, B.A., cum laude, 1982

Bar Admissions

- Florida, 1985

Professional & Community Involvement

- Dade County Bar
- American Bar Association (Vice-Chair, Aviation and Space Law Committee, 1997–1998; Member, Program Planning Committee for National Institute on Aviation Litigation, 1991–; Editorial Board Member, Torts and Insurance Practice Section and Tort and Insurance Law Journal Committee, 1997–1998; "The Brief", 1994–1997)
- Florida Bar
- Florida Justice Association
- American Justice Association (Treasurer, 1996–1997, Member, Executive Council and Section

- Leader's Council, Aviation Law Section; Vice-Chair, 1996–1997 and Chair, 1998–1999, Aviation Section)
- Miami–Dade Justice Association
- Lawyer–Pilots Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates (Vice–Chair, 1998–1999, Treasurer, 1999–2000, Secretary, 2000, President–Elect, 2002 and President, 2003, Miami Chapter)
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America, Trial Lawyers Honorary Society.
- Inns of Court
- Trustee, Young Arts Foundation

crash in Belle Harbor, Queens, N.Y., 2001; Papillon Airways, Inc. Eurocopter AS350-B2 helicopter in the Grand Canyon, AZ, 2001; Scandinavian Airlines at Linate Airport, Milan, Italy, 2001; Air France Concorde tragedy 2000; Bell Helicopter BH 407 in Brazil, 1999; Cubana Air, Flt. 3010, YAK-42, Valencia, Venezuela, 1999; TAESA Airlines Flt. 725 from Uruapan, Michoacán, Mexico, 1999; Hot Air Expeditions, near Cave Creek, AZ, 1999; Occidental Petroleum's chartered Boeing 737 in Peru's northern jungle, 1998; American Airlines, Flt. 1420, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1999; TAME Flt. 422 near Bogota, Colombia, 1998; Swissair, Flt. 111, Atlantic Ocean near Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1998; Silk Air, Flt. M1185, Palembang, Indonesia, 1997; Fine Air, Flt. 101, Miami, FL, 1997; Bell 407 helicopter in the Andros Islands, 1996; Millon Air Flt. 406 en route to Miami, Florida from Manta, Ecuador, 1996; ValuJet, Flt. 592, Florida Everglades, 1996; Aero-Peru Flt. 603 en route to Santiago, Chile from Lima, Peru, 1996; Aviation Development Corp. Airlines, Nigeria, 1996; Tarom Airlines, Flt. R0371, Bucharest, Romania, 1995; El Al cargo, Amsterdam, Holland, 1992; Surinam Airways Flt. PY764 in Paramaribo, Surinam, 1989; Grand Canyon Airlines, Grand Canyon National Park Airport, AZ, 1989; and Independent Air Flt. 1851, Bergamo, Italy, 1989 and Arrow Air Flt. 1285, Gander, Canada.

Practice Areas

- [Personal Injury & Wrongful Death Litigation](#)
- [Product and Premise Liability](#)
- [Aviation Litigation](#)
- [Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Class Actions](#)

He also acts as lead trial counsel for countless victims of general aviation and military accidents, many involving foreign claimants, ranging from air balloons, flight training, ground school, air ambulances, banner planes, aerobatics, helicopters, and propeller, turbo-prop and jet-powered aircraft, including, but not limited to, Cessnas, Cirrus, Beechcraft, Pipers, Bellancas, Lear Jets, Citation Jets, Bell Helicopters, Sikorsky Helicopters, Robinson Helicopters, Aerospatiale Helicopters and countless other aviation manufacturers, operators, maintenance facilities and private & public air traffic control centers.

In addition to his aviation, general personal injury and wrongful death practice, he also counsels foreign governments, including the Russian Federation, the Republic of Venezuela, Ecuador, Belize, Honduras and numerous Brazilian states.

Among his many speaking engagements have been:

- “An Introduction to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act,” invited guest lecturer, Embry–Riddle 2001. Also an invited lecturer on the Embry–Riddle Aviation Program 2006
- “Recent Developments in Aviation Law,” ABA Litigation in Aviation Seminar 1991 (co–author)
- Masters of the Courtroom Seminar, Dade County Trial Lawyers, 2002 and the Dade County Trial Masters Program, 2002–2003
- Forum Non–Conveniens panel member and co–chair, ABA Aviation & Space Law Convention Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Conference 2003
- ABA Panel on Forum Non–Conveniens, “An Update of Recent Decisions and An Analysis of the Legal Criteria,” 2003
- Discovery in Aviation cases, ABA Conference, Washington DC 2004, invited lecturer
- ATLA Aviation Section Program, Chicago, Program Chair
- Miami–Dade County Bar Association Young Lawyer Section's First Annual “SuperLawyer Mock Trial Demonstration Seminar 2006”
- “A Discussion on the Basics of Litigating the Foreign Crash”, ABA Aviation & Space Law Convention 2006
- ABA Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2007 session on Aviation and Space Law Litigation, lectured on “Foreign Accidents—U.S. Defendants Frequently Argue Forum Non–Conveniens Motions; How are they Doing?”
- National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc., Mid–Winter Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, January 2008
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's 19th Annual Aviation Law and Insurance Symposium, lectured on “Handling Foreign Crash Litigation in the U.S. and Abroad”
- American Association for Justice, Annual Convention in Philadelphia, lectured on “The Fundamentals of Obtaining a Just or Full Compensation Aviation Jury Verdict”, July 2008
- Speaker at the Conference of the International Bar Association, Vancouver, Canada, October 2010
- McGill Conference on International Aviation Liability and Insurance, Moot Court Panels, Legal Argument, Forum non-conveniens and Mediation, Montreal, Canada, May 2011
- McGill Fifth Annual Conference on International Aviation Liability and Insurance, Moot Court Panels, Legal Argument, Forum non-conveniens and Mediation, Montreal, Canada, October 2013
- Florida Justice Association, Workhorse Seminar; Into the Wild Blue Yonder: Exploring New Frontiers in Aviation Litigation, February 2014.
- FIU Law Legal Seminar (LATAM) December 3, 2014
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University / Aviation Law & Insurance Symposium in Orlando – January 28-30, 2015
- FIU Aviation and Space Law Symposium in Miami – February 20, 2015
- 8th Annual McGill Conference on Aviation Liability and Insurance Conference,

Complexity of International Aviation Litigation Against Multiple Tortfeasors, April 17-18, 2015

- ABA Conference, Annual National Institute on Aviation Litigation, New York City, June 4, 2015
- South Florida Trial Bar – Superstars Mock Trial and Expert Jury Selection, February 12, 2016
- December 2, 2016, Panelist at Miami Law Class Action & Complex Litigation Forum on the discussion of Settlement and Resolution of Class Action litigation, discussing mediation, confirmation discovery, objectors, attorneys' fees and notice issues.
- Panel Chair for the 10th McGill Conference on Aviation Liability & Insurance, Montreal Canada, June 22-23, 2017

Steve has made several guest appearances on CNN News, Wall Street Live News, BBC News, CBS News and CBC Sky News.

Please click on the links below to view Steve's television interviews regarding Lion Air Flight 610, Ethiopian Flight 302, Malaysian Flight MH370, Germanwings Flight 9525 and United Airlines Flight 3411

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Steve is also the co-author, "Recent Developments in Aviation Law," ABA Litigation in Aviation Seminar, 1991 and ABA Guide, "Litigating the Aviation Case", 2017. Author, "The Admissibility and Use of Demonstrative Aids," ABA, The Brief Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Vol. 32, No. 4, Summer 2003; "Handling Foreign Aviation Cases in the United States"; ABA Publication entitled "Litigating the Aviation Case from Pre-trial to Closing Argument," Third Edition, 2008. Author, "The Admissibility and Use of Demonstrative Aids," ABA, The Brief (2003); and "Handling Foreign Aviation Cases in the United States", ABA Publication entitled "Litigating the Aviation Case from Pre-trial to Closing Argument", Third Edition, 2008.

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- [Test-Pilot Father Provided Early Lessons in Aviation for Attorney-to-Be](#)
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Recent Awards and Recognition

- 2020 [Best Lawyers in America, 2020](#)
- 2019 [Best Lawyers in America, 2019](#)
- 2018 [Best Lawyers in America, 2018](#)
- 2018 [Chambers USA, Litigation, 2018](#)
- 2017 "America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2017", Chambers & Partners.
- 2017 [Best Lawyers in America, 2017](#)
- 2017 [South Florida Legal Guide, "Top Lawyers" 2017](#)
- 2017 [Chambers USA, Litigation 2017](#)
- 2016 [Chambers USA, Litigation 2016](#)
- 2016 "America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2016", Chambers & Partners.
- 2016 Recipient of the Daniel E. Murray Distinguished Service Award for your distinguished achievement in the field of law and continued dedication to the *University of Miami Law Review*.
- 2016 [Best Lawyers in America, 2016](#)
- 2016 [South Florida Legal Guide, "Top Lawyers" 2016](#)
- 2016 Expert Guide, World's Leading Aviation Lawyers, 2016
- 2015 [Best Lawyers in America, 2015](#)
- 2015 [South Florida Legal Guide, "Top Lawyers" 2015](#)
- 2015 [Chambers USA, Litigation 2015](#)
- 2014 [South Florida Legal Guide, "Top Lawyers", 2014](#)
- 2014 ["The Best Lawyers in America", 2014](#)
- 2013 "America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2013", Chambers & Partners
- 2013 [National Law Journal – Litigation Boutiques "Hot List"](#)
- 2013 Expert Guide, World's Leading Aviation Lawyers, 2013
- 2013 [South Florida Legal Guide, "Top Lawyers", 2013](#)

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- 2013 *Florida Trend Magazine*, "Florida's Legal Elite" 2013
 - 2013 "The Best Lawyers in America", 2013
 - 2012 "America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2012", *Chambers & Partners*
 - 2012 "The Best Lawyers in America", 2012
 - 2012 *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Lawyers", 2012
 - 2011 "The Best Lawyers in America", 2011
 - 2011 *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Lawyers", 2011
 - 2010 "Most Effective Lawyers", 2010
 - 2010 "America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2010", *Chambers & Partners*
 - 2010 *Ten Podhurst Orseck attorneys named Florida Super Lawyers*
 - 2010 "The Best Lawyers in America", 2010
 - 2010 *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Lawyers", 2010
 - 2009 "The Best Lawyers in America", 2009
 - 2009 "America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2009", *Chambers & Partners*
 - 2009 *Florida Trend Magazine*, "Florida's Legal Elite" 2009,
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 - 2008 Expert Guide, World's Leading Aviation Lawyers, 2008
 - 2008 "The Best Lawyers in America", 2008
 - 2008 *South Florida Legal Guide*, "Top Lawyers", 2008
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