



# Diane Westwood Wilson

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Diane is a seasoned attorney with over 30 years of multijurisdictional experience representing clients — particularly in the aerospace, aviation and insurance industries — in high-stakes commercial litigation throughout the U.S. and in international courts and arbitral forums.

In addition, she provides strategic legal counselling to a wide variety of airlines, airports and manufacturers.

Diane has been involved in many of the aviation industry's most significant cases, including representing EL AL Israel Airlines, Ltd. in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court multilateral treaty case (*EL AL Israel Airlines v. Tseng*) that established the Montreal Convention as the exclusive cause of action in air disasters, barring recovery under alternative theories of liability. Diane tried the case in the Southern District of New York, argued the appeal before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, petitioned for writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court and argued the case to the Court, obtaining a reversal of the Second Circuit ruling and setting international aviation treaty law precedent in the process.\*

She also represented airline defendants in *Chan v. Korean Air* and *Olympic Airways v. Hussain* before the U.S. Supreme Court.\*

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## Services

- Aviation
- Israel

## Representative Matters\*

- Carlyle Aviation Partners coverage action in Florida State Court
- EMB A-29 crash in White Sands Missile Range, NM
- Virginia State Police Bell 407 Helicopter crash in Charlottesville, VA
- Schweizer 369 Helicopter crash in which Troy Gentry lost his life in Medford, New Jersey
- Representation of Costa Rican MRO in successful resolution of \$6.5 million claim asserted by one of the largest commercial airline leasing companies
- Air Century Flight CEY521
- Air India Express Flight 812 at Mangalore
- Continental Airlines Flight 128 Severe Turbulence

- Tropic Air Flight 9N2300 (Belize)
- In re Deep Vein Thrombosis Litigation
- Astrium v. Dutch Space satellite litigation
- Swissair Flight 111 Crash
- TAM Airlines Flight 402 at Sao Paulo
- Enforcement of arbitration clause in Travelport Nigeria contract
- Enforcement of UK default foreign money judgment by New York Court of Appeals
- Euro USA Trading US \$9 million+ judgment enforcing exclusive trademark licensing agreement
- British Airways Flight 149 during Invasion of Kuwait
- American Eagle Flight 4184 near Roselawn, Indiana
- Korean Airlines 007 Shoot Down by Soviet Union
- Arrow Air Disaster at Gander, Newfoundland
- Japan Air Lines Mount Gumna Crash
- TWA Flight 800
- Liability Counsel for JFK IAT Terminal 4 construction and operations
- British Airways Holidays Bus Crash near Kent, United Kingdom
- Mercury Bay Boating Club Challenge for the America's Cup
- ICC arbitration joint venture dispute between United Kingdom and German conglomerates
- MGM Retroactive Insurance Litigation

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## Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- New York
- New Jersey

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

## Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 1983)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (B.A., 1980)
  - Art History

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York

- Aviation Insurance Association
- Connecticut Bar Association
- Federal Bar Council
- International Aviation Womens Association
- National Association of Women Lawyers
- New York Bar Association
- Women in Aerospace
- APIW
- Who's Who Legal & Supreme Court Member

## Honors & Awards

- **Selected to the list of attorneys ranked by *Chambers USA* for Transportation: Aviation: Litigation Nationwide (2020-2025)**  
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