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Slack & Davis has the experience and resources to handle complex claims resulting from:

- Air crashes (commercial, commuter, air charter, air ambulance and helicopter)
- Defective products and negligence related to oilfield, electrical, construction site and commercial trucking accidents
- Defective medical devices and prescription drugs
- Medical and hospital negligence

Plus business jet litigation (disputes related to aircraft acquisitions, sales, modifications and maintenance).

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SLACK & DAVIS EXPANDS TO FORT WORTH



Slack & Davis has expanded its personal injury and wrongful death litigation practice by opening a new office in Fort Worth. John Jose, formerly of Jose, Henry, Brantley, MacLean & Alvarado, L.L.P.—a lawyer with more than 25 years of experience—will be the new office’s managing partner.

Jose has established himself as the go-to attorney when it comes to injuries related to oilfield, electrical and commercial truck accidents. One recent example of this was a \$24 million settlement he secured for the family of a Tarrant County mother against a trucking company.

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Jose said he has admired the work of Slack & Davis. “What the firm has done in aviation law is remarkable,” said Jose. “In fact, we plan to use our new presence in the Metroplex to expand our footprint in the area of business aviation litigation.”

At the same time, Jose will expand his primary practice areas, collaborating with Mike Davis, co-founder and partner, who leads the firm’s diverse non-aviation personal injury practice.



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Founded in 1993, Slack & Davis now has 10 attorneys and offices in Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth. The firm’s broad case list includes—in addition to numerous aviation cases—cases involving defective medical devices and prescription drugs, oil and gas accidents, electrical and construction site injuries, and commercial truck and tractor-trailer collisions.

The new office in Fort Worth is currently being finished and furnished, but soon you’ll find John Jose and his team at 100 Lexington Street, Suite 70, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; 817.288.8988. In the meantime, you may contact John at jjose@slackdavis.com.



NEW FACE AND NEW FOCUS AT SLACK & DAVIS' DALLAS OFFICE



Paula Sweeney, formerly of the highly respected Dallas law firm Howie & Sweeney, joined forces with Slack & Davis earlier this year. Sweeney built a national

reputation as one of the country's leading trial lawyers in the medical malpractice arena. But in recent years, Sweeney has expanded her expertise to other areas in the medical field, to include serious injury and death cases arising from medical and hospital negligence, defective medical devices and prescription drugs, and products liability.

That new focus, together with efforts already in motion by Mike Davis and Suzanne Kaplan in Slack & Davis' Austin office, has proven to be a successful match. Slack & Davis currently is handling a number of cases involving DePuy Orthopaedic's ASR and Pinnacle metal-on-metal hip replacement products, which were recalled in 2010 by the manufacturer.

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Slack & Davis also is tracking pulmonary embolism and stroke claims related to birth control pills marketed as Yaz and Yasmin by Bayer Pharmaceuticals. Yaz and Yasmin

are fourth generation oral contraceptives that have been linked to serious venous thromboembolic events (VTE). The two most common forms of VTE are blood clots leading to pulmonary embolism and deep vein thrombosis.

Mike Slack, co-founder and managing partner, said that Sweeney's presence will "dramatically enhance the firm's reputation for delivering successful outcomes to our clients. We now have the attorney resources to handle any case in the medical field."

In medical device and pharmaceutical cases involving serious injury or death, Slack & Davis already has a winning track record of multi-million dollar resolutions. For example, the firm obtained substantial recoveries for clients in cases involving defective hip and knee implants against Sulzer Orthopedics and Smith & Nephew. They also obtained substantial awards in pharmaceutical cases involving the arthritis drug Vioxx, the cholesterol-lowering drug Baycol, and diet drugs like Fen Phen.

Sweeney is eager to take on new and current cases, promising to unleash the same kind of client-focused determination that made her one of the best trial lawyers in the country.

Paula Sweeney can be reached at psweeney@slackdavis.com.

NOTABLE RECENT RECOVERIES

- **\$6,820,000 jury verdict** in Bell County, Texas, for the children of an aviation mechanic killed when a pressurized aircraft cabin door opened explosively
- **\$388,756 jury verdict** in Austin, Texas, for a man injured in an auto collision
- **\$1,150,000 settlement** for a man injured in a wreck in West Texas that was caused by an 18-wheel truck
- **\$825,000 settlement** for the families of passengers killed in a wreck near Fort Worth that was caused by tire tread separation
- **\$925,000 settlement** for the family of a man who died as a result of a flawed medical procedure
- **Confidential settlement** for the family of a patient killed in the mid-air crash of two Bell 407 air ambulance helicopters in Arizona
- **Confidential settlement** for a Texas helicopter pilot killed in a post-impact fire
- **Confidential settlement** for the family of a forest fire fighter killed in a California helicopter crash
- **Confidential settlement** for seven passengers killed and two injured in the crash of a chartered Cessna 208B Grand Caravan on a humanitarian mission in Guatemala
- **Confidential settlement** for a man injured in a fall on a commercial property
- **Confidential settlement** for the family of a pilot whose MU-2 airplane crashed due to engine failure shortly after take-off from Fort Pierce, Florida
- **Confidential settlement** for the parents of young men killed in a Beech Bonanza airplane crash near Tolar, Texas
- **Confidential settlement** for the family of a passenger killed in a private airplane crash in California
- **Confidential settlement** for the family of a passenger killed in a private airplane crash in Texas caused by fuel exhaustion

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SLACK & DAVIS EXPANDS BUSINESS JET LITIGATION PRACTICE

Slack & Davis is expanding its business aviation litigation practice, which involves representation of corporate jet owners, flight departments, aircraft managers and aircraft operators. The firm already is handling these cases from a wide variety of circumstances, including misrepresentations by buyers and sellers, failure to make timely delivery, improper or incomplete modifications and completions, maintenance errors and mistakes, excessive or inappropriate maintenance charges and improper or illegal charter operations.

Announcing the growing practice and commenting on the firm's expertise, managing partner Mike Slack said, "While handling these business aviation cases, we discovered that our aviation skills translated easily in ways that

greatly increased our efficiency and ability to deliver positive outcomes for our business jet clients. We want those who are involved in business aviation disputes to know that when they turn to Slack & Davis, they will be represented by a legal team with extensive legal experience and a unique level of understanding of the aviation industry."

Slack & Davis, already nationally recognized in the aviation industry, emphasizes the inherent benefits of having specialized counsel in aviation law. Some of the benefits include:

- Aviation attorneys may be better informed on the ultimate potential outcome of a case and better able to assess the risks of moving forward.
- Aviation attorneys may produce better results for clients, given

their knowledge of the technical subject matter and sophisticated skills for developing aviation related cases.

- Aviation attorneys cultivate relationships with the most qualified expert witnesses and consultants.
- Non-aviation attorneys might inadvertently omit key considerations, simply because of lack of industry or technical knowledge.

As mentioned in the cover story, since the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex is one of the nation's most prolific areas of business aviation activity, Slack & Davis will be better positioned to drive the firm's expansion in this area. To learn more about Slack & Davis' business and corporate jet litigation practice, contact Mike Slack at mslack@slackdavis.com or visit bizjet.slackdavis.com.