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Jeffrey W. Moryan is an experienced trial lawyer in both state and federal courts for over twenty-five years having tried over 100 cases to conclusion, including aviation, product liability, toxic tort, commercial and environmental law matters. His trial and litigation experience spans complex commercial to wrongful death, brain injury and other significant personal injury cases. The Supreme Court of New Jersey, Board of Trial Certification has denoted Mr. Moryan as Certified Civil Trial Attorney since 1987, recertifying him each time he has been eligible in 1994, 2001, and most recently in 2007.

Mr. Moryan has maintained an extensive practice representing airlines and manufactures in product liability; passenger rights and personal injury cases; property damage and HULL cases; breach of contract; and discrimination. He is the lead trial counsel for Colgan Air, Inc., in the multibillion dollar property and wrongful death consolidated lawsuits arising from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. As such, he serves on the Joint Defense Committee, Aviation Subcommittee and Property Damages Subcommittee. Mr. Moryan has also served as lead counsel for several clients, including corporations and major and mid-sized petroleum companies, in connection with catastrophic losses and mass tort litigation.

For approximately twenty years, Mr. Moryan represented major and mid-size oil companies in defense of toxic tort and environmental contamination claims, including wrongful death, brain injury, personal injury, medical monitoring, property damage, and remediation claims. He also represented potential Responsible Partners before the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Additionally, he has counseled several major clients that were subject to United States Department of Justice Investigations for anti-trust matters; criminal probe following an explosion; and alleged violation of State and Federal interstate commerce statues. Mr. Moryan has lectured extensively at various bar associations, and other client based organizations on crisis management, trial tactics and techniques, importance of proper jury selection, and to medical practitioners on the preventative measures to avoid litigation.

At Seton Hall University School of Law, Mr. Moryan was the Managing Editor of *Seton Hall Law Review* (1979-1980), for which he authored a Note, *Religious Groups' Use of Public School Buildings during Non-school Hours Not Violative of Establishment Clause of First Amendment*, 9 *Seton Hall Law Review* 524, 1978. Mr. Moryan served as Legal Intern to the Honorable Frederick B. Lacey, United States District Court, District of New Jersey (1979-80) and later served as an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall Law School (1983-84). Mr. Moryan was a member of the ABA Task Force on Franchise Law.

### Practice Areas:

Trial Practice  
Aviation Law  
Insurance Law  
Product Liability  
Mass Tort and Toxic Tort Litigation  
Business Litigation

### Admitted to Practice:

State of New Jersey  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
United States Supreme Court

### Education:

Rider College (B.S., 1976)  
Seton Hall University (J.D., *cum laude*, 1980)

### Affiliations:

American Bar Association  
New Jersey State Bar Association  
Defense Research Institute  
American Inns of Court Foundation, Essex Inn of Court  
American Board of Trial Advocates  
International Association of Defense Counsel  
Trial Attorneys of New Jersey

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## Representative Published Decisions

- Fletcher v. Cessna Aircraft Co., 412 N.J. Super. 530 (App. Div. 2010)
- Graham v. Gielchinsky, 126 N.J. 361, 599 A. 2d 149 (1991)
- D' Aries v. Schell, 274 N.J. Super. 349 (App Div 1994)
- Bendar v. Rosen, et al, 247 N.J. Super. 219 (App Div 1991)
- White v. Newark Morning Star Ledger, 245 N.J. Super. 606 (Law Div 1990)
- Fede v. Clara Maass Hosp., 221 N.J. Super. 329 (Law Div 1987)
- Wylie v. Mills, 195 N.J. Super. 332 (Law Div 1984)
- Jaasma v. Shell Oil Co., 412 F. 3d 501 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir. 2005)
- Player v. Motiva Enterprises LLC, 2006 WL 5349207 (D.N.J. 2006)
- Wiegand v. Motiva Enterprises, LLC, 295 F. Supp. 2d 465 (D.N.J. 2003)
- Federal Ins. Co., etc v. Purex Industries, Inc., 972 F. Supp. 872 (D.N.J. 1997)

## Representative Experience

- In Re September 11 Litigation. Counsel for air carrier in consolidated wrongful death, property damage, business interruption loss, and subrogated claims arising out of the September 11, 2001 terrorist hijackings;
- Rosenberg et al. v. East Coast Jets. Counsel for Part 135 Operator in consolidated wrongful death action, following crash during landing of Hawker 800A aircraft;
- Fletcher v. Cessna. Counsel for defendant in wrongful death case following crash shortly after takeoff;
- White v. US Airways Group. Counsel for airline in successful motion to dismiss argument premised on federal preemption grounds. Plaintiff alleged onset of DVT as damages;
- Deverin et al. v. Shell Oil Company. Trial counsel for major oil company in gasoline storage tank explosion matter resulting in over 200 personal injury and property damage claims as well as OSHA and NJ Fire Code Administrative investigations;
- Player et al. v. Motiva Enterprises. Defense trial counsel in mass tort case alleging personal and emotional injuries and property damage following alleged exposure to gasoline from under ground storage leak;
- Inamdar v. Shell Oil Company. Trial counsel for major oil company in successful defense against claims of sex and ethnic origin discrimination by franchisor;
- Joseph v. Abano-Mendoza. Trial counsel in defense verdict in medical malpractice action alleging brain damage to newborn during pregnancy and delivery;
- D'Elia v. City of Jersey City, et al. Defense trial counsel in combined medical malpractice/dram shop wrongful death action. Jury defense verdict following five week trial;
- Glaxo, Inc. v. USCO Distribution Services, et al. Defense trial counsel in warehouse fire case. Drug company damages exceeded \$3,000,000;
- Silver Troy v. Metric Plumbing. Defense trial counsel in building explosion case. Defense verdict;
- Valentini v. Ford Motor Company. Lead plaintiff trial counsel in product liability action. Secured \$20,500,000 verdict.

## Professional Activities

- Member, Trial Attorneys of New Jersey
- Master, Essex Inn of Court, American Inns of Court Foundation
- Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates
- Member, International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Adjunct Professor, Seton Hall Law School, 1983-1984

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