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Pete Greco primarily handles complex litigation issues involving aviation and general liability matters. Prior to his career in law, Pete worked in airfield operations at several commercial service airports, including Orlando International Airport (MCO), where he was responsible for ensuring the safety, security and regulatory compliance of one of the nation's largest airports.

During law school, Pete completed internships with the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board, where he obtained significant experience in the inner workings of accident investigations and ensuing litigation. An instrument-rated private pilot and graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Pete has extensive experience in technical matters relating to flight operations, aviation security, airmen certification and airport management.

Aviation & Aerospace

Pete is a member of Wilson Elser's Aviation and Helicopter Defense teams. Pete's background on the front lines of the aviation industry provides him with the unique ability to quickly hone in on a complex case's critical issues and to direct the litigation accordingly, saving clients time and money. Pete regularly represents U.S. air carriers in a wide variety of claims ranging from personal injury to property damage. In addition, Pete has represented various aviation clients in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases arising from aviation accidents and incidents, as well as in property damage claims.

Complex Tort & General Casualty

Pete regularly counsels and defends clients in complex general liability matters. He has successfully defended nightclubs, restaurants, resorts, and other commercial properties against claims related to premises liability and negligent security. Located in Orlando, Florida, Pete also represents one of the nation's largest theme parks in a wide variety of injury claims.

Services

- Aviation & Aerospace
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Hospitality

Education

- George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School (J.D., 2017)
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (B.S. in Business Administration/Air Transportation, 2013)
 - magna cum laude; minor in Homeland Security

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Florida
- Supreme Court of Virginia
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Lawyer Pilots Bar Association

Client Wins

Freeman, Greco & Krusbe Prevail on Motion to Dismiss Product Liability Case

Nicholas D. Freeman (Partner-Orlando, FL), J. Peter Greco (Of Counsel-Orlando, FL), and Donna Krusbe (Of Counsel-West Palm Beach, FL) obtained a full dismissal with prejudice in a federal product liability case arising from a fatal vehicle crash. The firm represented a component parts manufacturer accused of designing and supplying a defective trailer axle alleged to have contributed to the incident. The plaintiff alleged that a defective trailer axle

required the decedent to stop on the highway, and that resulted in the decedent being struck by another motorist. Nick, Peter, and Donna successfully argued that there was an unrelated motor vehicle collision that was the true proximate cause of the collision with the decedent, and it was unforeseeable that an alleged axle failure could result in a death under those circumstances. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida agreed and dismissed all claims with prejudice.

Greco Successfully Defends Airline in Passenger Dispute over Refund

Pete Greco (Associate-Orlando, FL) obtained a defense verdict in a bench trial in County Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit for an airline client. A passenger alleged that because the future travel credit she was provided when she voluntarily cancelled her reservation did not work, she was entitled to a cash refund. Peter successfully argued that the client's Contract of Carriage was binding, applicable and governing of the dispute, and that under that contract, the plaintiff was not entitled to a cash refund for a voluntarily cancelled reservation. Through an airline witness, Pete further demonstrated that the plaintiff had, in fact, successfully used portions of the future travel credit and demonstrated that the remaining portion of the future travel credit did not work only because the plaintiff insisted on selecting a flight with no available seats. The court found, based on his argument, that the plaintiff could have used the remaining portion of the future travel credit and was therefore not entitled to any further compensation. Finally, Pete successfully argued that the contract expressly barred the plaintiff from recovering any of the consequential damages she claimed for her alleged inconvenience.