

factors, training and many other aviation disciplines. His other credentials include:

- \* Board certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- \* Martindale-Hubbell AV-Rated
- \* Past president, El Paso Trial Lawyers Association, 1994 to 1996
- \* Graduate of The University of Texas at Austin (J.D., with honors, 1979)

“Slack & Davis’ hands-on aviation knowledge makes us the go-to team for aviation-related legal matters – not just in Texas but throughout the U.S.,” managing partner Michael Slack said, “but it’s our reputation for winning cases that seals the deal. Mark’s skills as an aviator and as a trial lawyer will boost our reputation on both fronts.”

In addition to plaintiffs’ cases, Pierce will offer legal services on the business side. The firm, founded in 1993, has seen a rise over the past two years in requests for legal representation related to aviation business transactions. Ladd Sanger, managing partner for the Dallas office, offers this reason for the growth: “We found that as more people choose private and corporate jet travel, they’re needing attorneys to help them navigate the aircraft acquisition and sales process. People know us as ‘the aviation lawyers’ so naturally they come to us for help. We’re simply staffing to meet the demand.”

#### ABOUT SLACK & DAVIS, L.L.P.

Founded in 1993, Slack & Davis, L.L.P. is known nationwide for its success representing families who’ve experienced loss as a result of an airplane or helicopter crash. The firm’s diverse legal expertise includes other complex personal injury cases that involve heavy trucks and defective automobiles, dangerous consumer products, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Our team of attorneys, which includes aviators and aviation professionals, is also highly skilled at handling business disputes related to aircraft acquisitions and sales. With offices in Austin and Dallas, Slack & Davis has the track record, talent and resources to handle major cases throughout the U.S. – and achieve optimum results. Find out more at slackdavis.com

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McGuireWoods LLP is pleased to announce that 15 associates have been elected partners of the firm, effective January 1, 2008.

The newly elected partners for McGuireWoods include:

- Lisa A. Atty, Real Estate Department, Los Angeles Office
- Ilene A. Bailey, Real Estate Department, Baltimore, Md., Office
- Robert A. Cox, Jr., Restructuring & Insolvency, Charlotte, N.C., Office
- C. Simon Davidson, Government Investigations, Washington D.C. Office
- Walter J. Dunn, Energy & Utilities Department, Richmond, Va., Office
- William G. Fendley, IV, Tax & Utilities Department, Richmond, Va., Office
- David E. Finkelson, IP Litigation/Patents Department, Richmond, Va., Office
- John S. Hilten, IP Litigation/Patents Department, Tysons Corner, Va., Office
- John A. Leja, IP Litigation/Patents Department, Chicago Office
- Elena D. Marcuss, Labor & Employment, Baltimore, Md., Office
- Perry W. Miles, IV, Products & Consumer Litigation, Richmond, Va., Office
- Amy Miller, Labor & Employment, Tysons Corner, Va., Office
- Derek A. Roach, Technology & Business, Chicago Office
- Christopher J. Verstrate, International Department, Chicago Office
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#### Legal Resource

Class action or a representative is a form of lawsuit in which a group of people collectively bring claim to court and/or in which a group of defendants is being sued. This type of collective lawsuit originated in England and is still prevalent in the United States and is still prevalent in the U.S. phenomenon, at least the variant of it. In the United States, federal courts, class actions are governed by Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule. Since 1938, most states have adopted rules similar to the FRCP. However, some states like California have civil procedure rules which deviate significantly from the federal rules; the California Code of Civil Procedure provides for four separate types of class actions. As a result, there are two separate treatises devoted to the complex topic of California class actions. Some states, such as New York, do not provide for any class actions while others, such as New York, provide for types of claims that may be brought as class actions.