



Remembering Lion Air 610 Co-Pilot Harvino

In December, GKWW filed a lawsuit against The Boeing Company on behalf of the family of Harvino, the co-pilot of Lion Air Flight 610. Harvino died when the Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft crashed into the Java Sea on October 29, 2018. All 189 people on board died upon impact.

GKWW is proud to represent Harvino's loved ones in their fight for justice. Harvino died at 41, just short of his 42nd birthday. He was an experienced pilot with over 5,000 flight hours. His widow, Fahrída Kurniawah, 33, remembers him as a healthy, active family man who enjoyed spending time with their three children, Khansa, 8, Rafa, 6, and Khalifi, 1.

The Case Against Boeing

Harvino's tragic final moments have captured the attention of international media, with a [heartbreaking feature](#) from The New York Times on his attempt to override the software of the Boeing 737 Max 8, which caused the plane to nose dive repeatedly. In an [interactive article](#), the Times highlights the dangerous flaws in the 737 Max 8 aircraft's automated system.

A [preliminary report](#) on the fatal crash of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 in Kenya supports our claim that Lion Air 610's pilots acted properly. According to The New York Times, the pilots for Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 "perform[ed] actions on the emergency checklist, including cutting off electricity to an automatic system that was pushing the nose down. But they were still unable to prevent the jet from crashing."

To view GKWW's complaint against Boeing, click [here](#) or visit the [Aviation section](#) on our website.

Tom Gardiner Featured in Leading Lawyers Magazine

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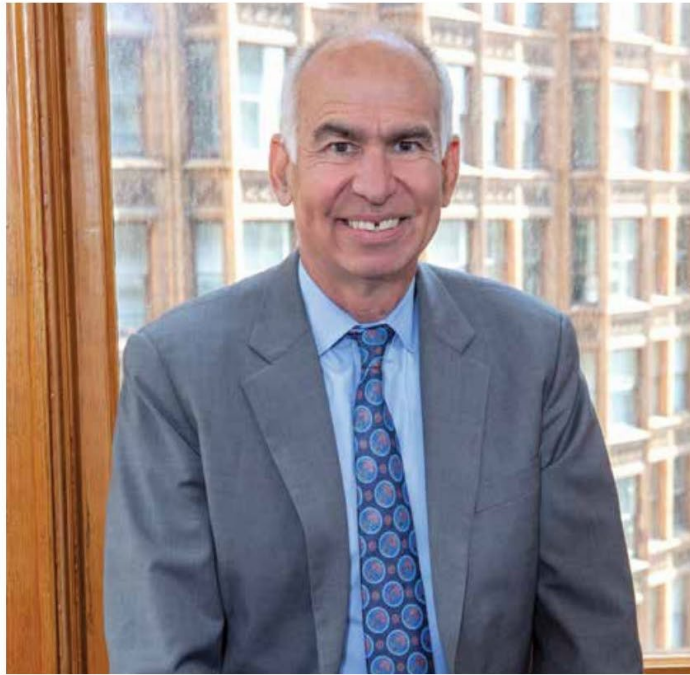
Expanding His Grasp of PI, Corporate and Municipal Trial Law

by Elizabeth Davies

As Thomas G. Gardiner of Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrona looked across the green, he noticed something about the 15 other golfers on the course.

The friends had gathered for a bachelor party. But Gardiner soon realized they had one other thing in common: He was the lawyer for all but one of the golfers present that day.

In the circles of well-established businesspeople and elected officials, Gardiner's name frequents the "most recommended" list. He brings 37 years of experience to the table, with knowledge that runs the gamut from personal injury and medical malpractice law to corporate litigation and representing municipalities in court.



Tom Gardiner was recently profiled in the 2019 Consumer Edition of Leading Lawyers Magazine. Read more about how Tom became a lawyer and how GKWW was built [here](#).

International Connections



In May, Tom Gardiner provided a short talk regarding the Boeing case to the members of the International Practice Group in Oslo.

Tom Gardiner joined the Chicago Bar Association trip to Israel. The program focused on governance and criminal justice, and included meeting an Israeli Supreme Court Justice and a member of the Knesset, the nation's parliament (pictured above).

GKWW in the Press



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Family of Lion Air co-pilot sues Boeing in Chicago over fatal crash

CHICAGO (Reuters) - The family of the Indonesian co-pilot of a Lion Air flight that crashed in October, killing all 189 on board, has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Boeing Co in Chicago, adding to litigation piling up against the manufacturer in its hometown.

The lawsuit, filed on Friday in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, alleges that a Lion Air-operated Boeing 737 MAX 8 was unreasonably dangerous because its sensors provided inconsistent information to both the pilots and the aircraft.

Boeing declined to comment on pending litigation.

Lion Air Flight 610 crashed into the Java Sea after take-off from Jakarta on Oct. 29.

The complaint was filed on behalf of pilot Harvino's widow and three children, who are all from Jakarta. It also alleges that the instruction manuals provided by Boeing with the two-month-old plane were insufficient, leading to the death of the pilots, crew and passengers.

In a statement, law firm Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrona said Harvino and Flight 610 Captain Bhayve Suneja were both experienced pilots, having logged more than 5,000 and 6,000 flight hours prior to the disaster.

Boeing Hit With Wrongful Death Suit In Fatal Lion Air Crash

By [Hailey Konnath](#)

Harvino worked alongside Capt. Bhavye Suneja. Both men had logged more than 5,000 flight hours before the crash, according to a press release from [Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrona](#), the firm representing Harvino's family.

The \$120 million Boeing 737 was "brand new," the release said.

"Boeing failed to provide proper instructions, policies and procedures to enable the pilots to override the anti-stall system," attorney John R. Wrona said in the release. "Despite their heroic efforts, the aircraft's malfunctioning flight control systems prevented the pilots from regaining control of the aircraft."

A representative for Boeing declined to comment Wednesday.

Harvino's estate is represented by Thomas G. Gardiner and John R. Wrona of Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrona.

Firm Updates

This summer has brought many changes for the attorneys at GKWW. We are pleased to welcome Steve Pauwels to the firm. Steve is an associate focused on commercial, municipal, and employment litigation. Before coming to us, Stephen represented clients ranging from international corporations in complex commercial litigation to individual and collective clients in employment disputes in federal and state trial courts, appellate courts, and administrative agencies. You may read his full bio on the [GKWW website](#).

Our hearts go out to partners John Wrona, Jenni Airato, and Barry Owen as they mourn the deaths of their mothers.

Partner Barry Owen recently celebrated the birth of his daughter, Amanda.



We're highly experienced, we're efficient, we're ethical – we get things done. We are proud of the results we've achieved for our clients. We invite you to browse [our website](#) for additional details about who we are and what we've accomplished. Then call us for a consultation to see how we might be of service to you.

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