

Cases of Historical Interest In the Southern District of New York

In re September 11 Litigation

Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein

Two weeks after September 11, 2001, Congress passed the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act to provide a cause of action for damages “arising out of the hijacking and subsequent crashes” of the airlines on September 11. The act gave exclusive jurisdiction for all cases to the Southern District of New York. All cases involving claims from the terrorist-related plane crashes on that day—against airlines, an airport security company and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey—were consolidated. Claims included personal and respiratory injury, wrongful death, property damages and business loss. It is considered the largest mass tort case in United States history.

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