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Re: Asiana San Francisco Air Crash – Press Release

Seattle/Tacoma Attorney Charles Herrmann announced the conclusion of the Herrmann Law Group's representation of numerous victims including most of the cabin crew, in the spectacular crash of Asiana flight OZ 214 on July 6, 2013. Herrmann explained: "The flight crew mismanaged the aircraft's descent in their final approach to landing at San Francisco Airport. The main landing gear and aft fuselage struck the seawall at water's edge. The tail broke off at the aft pressure bulkhead. The front portion of the aircraft continued to slide down the runway where it would spectacularly cartwheel, spinning nearly 330°, and then slam back into the ground again before finally coming to rest. During the crash, emergency evacuation slides designed and manufactured by Air Cruisers defectively inflated within the cabin—rather than outside as designed—trapping two of the flight attendants who were badly hurt."

Attorney Herrmann said that his investigation revealed that Boeing had failed to adequately explain the proper operation of the airplane's auto-throttle— a mechanism somewhat like cruise control on most cars. As a result, Asiana pilots were poorly trained on its use. They didn't realize that the auto-throttle automatically shut off causing the plane to lose power, speed, and altitude. They came in too low and too slow.

Both Boeing and Asiana were defendants in the law suit brought by the Herrmann Law Group. Both contributed to the settlement.

Tragically, several people died. One who had been thrown out onto the runway was run over by a fire truck rushing to the smoking airplane. Many passengers and crew were seriously injured, while nearly all were severely traumatized" Herrmann stated.

The Herrmann Law Group was founded in 1950 by former Senator and Insurance Commissioner Karl Herrmann. His son Charles Herrmann began representing Korean victims of air disasters back in 1983 when he successfully represented the families of 89 of the 102 Koreans who were killed while onboard Korean Air flight KAL 007 after it was shot down by a Soviet MIG over Sakhalin Island. He has gone on to represent literally hundreds of victims in air disasters such as the 1997 crash of Korean Air flight KE 801 in Guam, the 2001 crash Air China flight CA 129, even a Korean air force officer at the National Test Pilot School in California in 2003, and now finishing this Asiana crash at San Francisco.

"We're very proud of the fact that a great many Korean children were able to finish college and get a decent start in life with the compensation we recovered for their widowed mothers from those responsible for these accidents. Almost as important is that by holding Airlines responsible in these kinds of cases, they become highly motivated to not only make their planes, equipment, and systems safer, but also their flight and maintenance crews better trained. The result is safer skies for everyone," Herrmann commented. "In this Asiana case, the defendants required that the exact amounts of the individual settlements not be disclosed publicly,". "The defendants did not want the public to know how much they were paying out. But I can say that we recovered many millions of dollars for our clients collectively, very much in line with the amounts we recovered for victims in previous air crashes," Attorney Herrmann concluded.

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