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William Angelley focuses primarily on aviation and business litigation. He is a former Navy pilot who has flown more than 1,100 hours in various types of military airplanes and helicopters. In addition, as an aircraft maintenance officer for his squadron detachment, he was intricately involved with the technical workings of the squadron's aircraft. Since leaving the Navy, Mr. Angelley has continued to fly privately and currently holds active commercial pilot ratings in both airplanes and helicopters.

He has been interviewed regarding aviation issues and accidents by various national television, radio and print news outlets, including NBC, CBS, FOX, NPR, The Fort Worth Star Telegram, The Boston Globe, and The Salt Lake City Tribune.

Mr. Angelley has been recognized as a distinguished attorney in his field. He is AV Rated (Preeminent) by Martindale Hubbell, and has been named a Texas Super Lawyer each year from 2010 to 2013. He has been listed as one of the best lawyers in Dallas by *D Magazine*, and one of the best lawyers in Texas by *Newsweek* magazine. He is rated as "Superb" by Avvo.

Having practiced in New York, Los Angeles and Dallas, Mr. Angelley has litigated and been lead trial counsel in cases pending in state and federal courts throughout the United States. During the course of his career, Mr. Angelley has been involved, on both sides of the docket, in numerous commercial, military and general aviation cases, including:

- Asiana Airlines Flight 214 in San Francisco, California
- American Connection Flight 5966 crash near Kirksville, Missouri
- Alaska Airlines Flight 261 crash near Anacapa Island, California
- Swissair Flight 111 crash near Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Raytheon Patriot Missile shoot down of a U.S. Navy F/A-18 aircraft in Iraq
- The crash of a Lear 35 aircraft near Mina, South Dakota, which killed professional golfer Payne Stewart
- The crash of an Army UH-60 helicopter near Fort Hood, Texas
- The crash of a Florida National Guard C-23B transport plane near Unadilla, Georgia

Mr. Angelley has published numerous articles and is a frequent speaker at legal education forums and bar association meetings. Some of his articles and speeches are:

- Author, *The Stowers Doctrine in Need of an Update*, Texas Lawyer, 2013
- Author, *Certiori Granted in Aviation Pre-Emption Case*, Texas Lawyer, 2013
- Author, *A Touch of Gray*, Texas Bar Journal, 2012
- Author, *Dealing with Low Ceilings*, Trial Magazine, American Association for Justice, 2012
- Author, *Harsh Realities of the State Secrets Privilege*, Trial, American Association for Justice, September 2010.
- Author, *Amateur-Built Aircraft Litigation Risky for Plaintiffs Attorneys*, Texas Lawyer, August 16, 2010, Vol. 26, No. 20.
- Author, *Left Behind: How Consumers Became the Biggest Losers of the Chrysler and GM Bankruptcies*, Advocate, Journal of Consumer Attorneys Associations for Southern California, September 2009 (with Orla Brady).
- Author, *The Need for Mandatory Aviation Insurance*, AAJ Section Newsletter, Vol. 15, No. 2, Winter 2008 (with Justin T. Green).
- Author, *Plaintiff Thwarts Cessna's Preemption Arguments in Monroe v. Cessna*, AAJ Aviation Section Newsletter, Vol. 14, No. 2, Winter 2007.
- Speaker, *A Discussion of Monroe v. Cessna Aircraft Company*, New York City Bar Association, June 2006.
- Speaker, *Update on the September 11, 2001 Victim Compensation Fund and Related Litigation*, Lubbock Bar Association, May 2004.
- Speaker/Author, *Field Preemption and the Federal Aviation Regulations*, SMU Airlaw Symposium, February 2003.
- Author, *The September 11 Victim Compensation Fund*, Texas Bar Journal, January 7, 2002.
- Speaker, *Aviation Product Liability Insurance*, Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Conference, June 2001.

Mr. Angelley began his career in Dallas defending aviation insurance companies, maintenance facilities and manufacturers. Using the expertise he gained during these years, he later began representing individuals and families upon joining a New York-based firm specializing in plaintiffs' aviation litigation. He worked in the firm's New York and Los Angeles offices and was promoted to partner during his time there. Presently, Mr. Angelley represents both defendants and plaintiffs in aviation and business-related matters.

Mr. Angelley graduated with honors from Texas Tech University, and earned his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a member of the State Bars of Texas, New York and California, and is presently or formerly active in the American Association for Justice, the American Bar Association, the Dallas Bar Association, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the New York City Bar Association.