



## **BIOGRAPHY**

**Arturo J. González** graduated from South Texas College of Law in 1987 and immediately began mentoring under the late John Howie at the Windle Turley Law Firm in Dallas, with emphasis on aviation accident cases, including the two Delta crashes at DFW, the Northwest crash at Detroit, the American DC-10 failed takeoff in San Juan, the PSA mid air collision over San Diego, the Air Canada in flight fire killing 23 persons, in addition to domestic and international private aviation accidents resulting in death and severe injury to crew, passengers, and people on the ground.

Mr. González subsequently joined Rick Laminack at O'Quinn Laminack & Pirtle, where he expanded into pharmaceutical and medical devices litigation. During his ten year tenure, he participated in Norplant, Breast Implant, and Phen Fen litigation, in addition to taking on other defective products cases primarily in the area of tire defects, crashworthiness and roof crush.

After leaving the O'Quinn firm, Mr. González joined Rob Ammons for a brief period to assist in representing injured claimants in the BP litigation. The court appointed Mr. González as liaison plaintiffs' counsel to assist in the coordinated discovery effort. In May 2006, Mr. González joined Brent Coon & Associates, where he continued coordinative efforts on behalf of plaintiffs in furtherance of advancing the complex and often laborious litigation and settlement process. During this period the Coon firm obtained a substantial settlement on behalf of Eva Rowe, the young woman who lost both her parents in the March 23, 2005 explosion at the British Petroleum Refinery in Texas City, Texas. This settlement also resulted in BP paying an additional \$30 million dollars, in addition to the client's confidential settlement, to various medical and educational institutions, including Texas A&M University, to further medical burn research, process safety management, and technology practices in refinery operations.

Mr. González has once again shifted his focus on maintaining a heavy aviation docket involving international air disasters, including GOL Air (Brazil), TACA (Honduras), Evergreen Helinka (Peru), Spanair (Madrid), and more recently Turkish Air (Amsterdam), in which a \$5,545,000.00 settlement was attained on behalf his clients.

In January of 2011, Arturo J. González, established his own practice, with new offices located in the heart of downtown Houston, Texas.

In March 2011 through a joint venture with Bob Hilliard, Hilliard Muñoz & Gonzáles of Corpus Christi, Texas, the firms reached a \$7,000,000.00 settlement on behalf of their client Jose Herrera, who was burned over 80% of his body at the CITGO Refinery in Corpus Christi, Texas, when a defective nipple broke off an injection point spewing vast amounts of hot oil from a heat exchanger.

With Mr. González' fluency of Spanish and French, and in conjunction with his business contacts in Latin America and Europe, Arturo J. González P.C. has implemented plans to expand its

practice area into business and commercial litigation matters, including International Arbitration. Mr. González anticipates that with the aviation industry's targeting Houston as a growing international hub, new world markets become easily accessible allowing Arturo J. González P.C. the ability to provide exclusive legal expertise to its business clients in the area of international business and trade relations involving United States and international legal issues.

Mr. González is currently lead U.S. counsel in Spain in the matter of *Ana Maria Sanchez Diez vs. The Boeing Company*. The litigation involves the crash of a McDonnell Douglas MD-82 at Madrid's Barajas International Airport killing 154 and injuring 18 on August 20, 2008. After a protracted fight in the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, the cases were transferred to Spain on *forum non conveniencie* grounds. Litigation continues in Madrid.

In December 2017, Mr. González reached a \$10,000,000.00 settlement against Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC (Dallas, Texas) after two minor children Jose Lopez and Isaiah Lopez were electrocuted and died from exposure to a downed electrical power line at a Fort Worth, Texas public park. The case took less than nine months to litigate and settle.

Mr. González is licensed to practice in Texas and New York. In addition, Mr. González is licensed in all Federal District Courts of Texas, the United States 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States Court of Claims, and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. González is also *pro hoc vice* in the Mercantile Courts of Las Palmas, Gran Canarias, and the Court of First Instance in Madrid, Spain.

Licensure: Texas (1988), New York (2007), United States Supreme Court (1991)

Notable Cases: American Airlines DC-10 Crash on Take-off, San Juan P.R. – 1985  
Delta Airlines L-1011 Crash on landing at Dallas, TX – 1985  
Delta Airlines Boeing 727 Crash on Take-off at Dallas, TX – 1988  
Canada Air Mid-Air Fire at Cincinnati, Ohio – 1983  
Pacific Southwest (PSA) Mid-Air collision – San Diego, CA – 1978  
AeroMexico 498 Mid-Air Collision at Cerritos, CA – 1986  
Mexicana 940 at Michoacan, Mexico – 1986  
Valujet 592 at the Everglades, Florida – 1996  
Gol Air 1907 Mid-Air Collision, Amazon, Brazil – 2006  
TACA 390 Crash on Landing at Tegucigalpa, Honduras – 2008  
Spanair JK5022 Crash on Take-off at Madrid Barajas – 2008 *through present*  
Turkish FLIGHT 1951 Air Crash on Landing at Amsterdam – 2009  
Cessna 206 Crash on Final Landing, at Torreon, Mexico – 2015 *through present*  
Southwest Airlines Flight 1380 Engine Failure – Philadelphia, PA – 2018  
Lion Air Flight JK610 – Jakarta, Indonesia – 2018  
Ethiopian Airlines Flight ET302 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – 2019

Other Cases: F4 Phantom Crash at Fort Worth, TX  
Bell 212 Crash – Lima, Peru  
F-14 Tomcat Seat Ejection Malfunction aboard aircraft carrier