



FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Nov. 18, 2016 — South Florida law firms are representing four passengers who were on an American Airlines flight bound for Miami that caught fire on the runway in Chicago.

Attorneys from Krupnick Campbell Malone Buser Slama Hancock & Liberman and Kopelowitz Ostrow plan to file a federal lawsuit against American Airlines, plane manufacturer Boeing Co. and engine manufacturer General Electric Co., alleging the Flight 383 passengers suffered physical injuries and “tremendous anguish” during evacuation.

The lawsuit will be filed in the Southern District of Florida after the conclusion of a National Transportation Safety Board investigation. A similar Illinois state court case brought by Chicago lawyers



Dolman was announced earlier this week. The Oct. 28 fire at Chicago O’Hare International Airport was caused by an uncontained failure of the plane’s right engine. All 170 passengers and crew members evacuated the plane as it became engulfed in thick black smoke, and about 20 were hospitalized with minor injuries.

“Our firm has successfully handled many aviation disasters over the years, which have included mass casualties,” said Blake Dolman of lead counsel Krupnick Campbell in Fort Lauderdale. “Although our clients sustained severe physical and psychological

injuries, we are extremely grateful that the failure did not occur twenty seconds later once the plane was airborne.”

Dolman will be joined on the case by his colleagues Kelly Hancock and Joseph Slama, along with Kopelowitz Ostrow attorneys Brian Kopelowitz and Jeff Ostrow of Fort Lauderdale.

American Airlines said in a statement that it was cooperating with the NTSB’s investigation.

“We’re proud of our pilots, flight attendants and other team members who responded quickly to take care of our customers under very challenging circumstances,” the statement said.

Boeing does not comment on pending litigation.

GE declined to comment before the end of the NTSB investigation.