

## Myron P. Papadakis



M.P. “Pappy” Papadakis has worked in aviation and aviation law for 45 years. He is a former US retired Navy carrier pilot and a retired airline pilot with over 45 years flying experience. As a graduate of University of Nebraska in Mechanical Engineering, he obtained a legal degree in 1975 and has been a licensed attorney at law in good standing with the Bar since 1975.

From 1963-1969, Pappy served in the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator, Carrier Pilot, and Navy R&D Test Pilot. Pappy also worked as a Delta Airlines Captain from 1970-2001.

Pappy is a world-renowned expert in the areas of aircraft accident investigation and reconstruction. He is an expert in the area of piloting of Airline Transport Jet category aircrafts and airline operations and procedures. He has been continuously active in the business as pilot and union safety representative for 31 years. Pappy attended the DOT Accident Investigation and Prevention course as well as the ALPA safety school and numerous safety seminars.

Throughout his career, Pappy has evaluated, investigated, or litigated more than 400 aircraft accidents. He is a recognized expert in many facets including airline flying and operations, both domestically and internationally. Pappy has also logged 23,500 commercial or military flight hours without an accident.

Pappy is a qualified expert witness, speaking on issues relating to aviation safety, including: accident investigation, accident reconstruction, accident prevention measures, piloting procedures, CRM, Checklist adherence, MMEL procedures and related trouble shooting matters, aircraft systems and failure modes and effects, system safety and engineering principles, and TOWS systems in McDonnell Douglas and other Boeing aircraft.

Pappy literally wrote the book on aircraft accident investigation and reconstruction. His text, *“Aircraft Accident Reconstruction and Litigation”*, is currently entering its 4<sup>th</sup> edition and remains a top selling book in its field. In 2000, Pappy also authored *“Civil Trial Practice: Winning Techniques of Successful Trial Attorney’s”*.

Pappy is currently, or has at one time been active in the following organizations: Former Chair of the Aviation Section ATLA; Former Chair of the Aviation Section State Bar of Texas; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Million Dollar Advocate; Who’s Who in Education; Who’s Who in American Law, Who’s Who in America, Member of The State Bar of Texas; American Association of Justice; Academy of Catastrophic Injury Attorneys; Academy of Trial Advocates; Air Line Pilots Association; Lawyer Pilot Bar Association; NTSB Bar Association; Systems Safety Society; Adjunct Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law, 1979-1996. Pappy received a special invitation as the only lawyer to be honored as a Fellow member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators. He has been given an “AV” rating by Martindale-Hubbell, Inc, the highest rating bestowed upon an attorney.

