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Crowell & Moring Partner Stuart Newberger Authors Book, The Forgotten Flight: Terrorism, Diplomacy and the Pursuit of Justice

Chronicles case behind UTA Flight 772 explosion in 1989 that killed 170

Washington – June 13, 2017: Crowell & Moring LLP partner Stuart H. Newberger has authored a new book on the investigation into the terrorist attack on UTA Flight 772 and the long fight for victims’ families to obtain justice. “The Forgotten Flight: Terrorism, Diplomacy and the Pursuit of Justice” chronicles the true story of one of Newberger’s first terrorism cases, in which Crowell & Moring represented the families of seven Americans killed when their plane was destroyed over the African desert in 1989, by a suitcase bomb planted by Libyan agents.

Publishers Weekly said, “Newberger deftly breaks down the diplomatic flourishes and political motivations of the four countries involved in a complex web of determining culpability for state-sponsored terrorism. This is an engrossing and approachable narrative that skillfully distills the intricacies of this niche of international law and sensitively conveys the sorrows of the loved ones seeking a measure of justice.”

Kirkus Reviews called the book “a capably sorted delineation of a complex, important court case against Libyan terrorism that required years to extract accountability and compensation for the victims.”

The UTA 772 terror attack was one of the deadliest in history at the time. But, as most of those killed were French nationals, outside of France the tragedy remained overshadowed by the Lockerbie bombing (Pan Am Flight 103) that had taken place 10 months earlier. Both attacks were carried out at the instruction of Libya’s dictator, Moammar Gadhafi. While “Lockerbie” became synonymous with international terrorism, UTA 772 became ”the forgotten flight.” In the book, Newberger details the years following the attack, including the investigation by French authorities, the political debates across both sides of the Atlantic, and the firm’s work to achieve justice for its clients.

“For victims of the state sponsors of terror, the fight to obtain any measure of justice can seem overwhelming and near impossible. I wrote this book to honor the families of UTA 772 and their tireless fight to obtain justice for the loss of their loved ones,” said Newberger, who also represented terrorist hostage Terry Anderson in his case against Iran in the early 1990s.

Crowell & Moring chair Angela B. Styles said, “Stu and other members of the Crowell & Moring International Terrorism Practice have led the fight for victims of terror for more than 20 years. ‘The Forgotten Flight’ tells the important story of UTA 772, which our firm will never forget, and it sheds light on the long and complex road to justice in the wake of terrorism.”

The book is published by Oneworld Publications. More information on the book can be found here.

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