

## **Lockheed Martin Sued in Connection With Fatal Black Hawk Helicopter Crash**

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The widow of an Army helicopter crew chief is suing Lockheed Martin's Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., the maker of the Black Hawk helicopter, alleging that a defective tail rotor system caused her husband's helicopter to spin out of control and crash into a Maryland golf course last year, killing him and critically injuring two others.

Franklin Turner, an attorney with the law firm McCarter & English who is not involved in the case and has previously represented Sikorsky, said the plaintiffs would probably need to offer further evidence to prove that some failure on the part of Sikorsky had caused the rotor to fail.

"These are kitchen sink allegations that are commonly levied in product liability cases but which on their face appear to lack the specific causal nexus explaining what exactly it was that the company did incorrectly that resulted in the crash," Turner said. "Purely based on the complaint, there would have to be more to connect the harm that occurred here to Sikorsky itself." Click to read "[Lockheed Martin Sued in Connection With Fatal Black Hawk Helicopter Crash](#)" article. (Subscription required)