

JUNE 2013

KING COUNTY

PAUL CREWS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF BRENDA
HOUSTON AND ELIZABETH CREWS v. AVCO CORPORATION

Number: 10-2-26602-0SEA

Trial Date: 2/15/13 (4-week trial)

Plff Atty: Robert Hopkins & Matthew Clarke of Landye Bennett
Blumstein (Portland OR)

Def. Atty: Rodney Fonda & Robert Bowman of Cozen O'Connor
(Seattle); Catherine Slavin of Gordon & Rees
(Philadelphia PA)

Insurance Co.: Global Aerospace

Plff Exp.: Donald Sommer (Accident Reconstructionist) Denver CO;
Richard McSwain (Materials Engineer) Pensacola FL;
William Partin (Economist) Seattle

Def. Exp.: Dale Alexander (Materials Engineer) Chicago IL; Ronald
Wojnar (FAA Regulations) Renton

Trial Judge: Hon. Monica Benton

PRODUCT LIABILITY

DEATH (MULTIPLE)

7/27/08 - Plffs, decedents, Brenda Houston, female age 47, pilot;
and her daughter, Elizabeth Crews, female age 10. The decedents
were on a Cessna aircraft when it lost power and crashed, killing
all of its occupants. Plffs' Estates contended the engine power
loss was due to a defectively designed carburetor.

Injuries: Death.

Settlement: Demand: \$2,700,000. Plff asked the jury for
\$20,000,000, plus punitive damages. Offer: none.
The Def. asked the jury for a defense verdict.

Result: PLAINTIFF VERDICT for \$17,283,000. (The verdict included
\$6,000,000 in punitive damages. No new trial presently
pending.)