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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

H. IRIANTO, individually, and as Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, Deceased.)	No. _____
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<i>Plaintiff,</i>)	
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v.)	
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THE BOEING COMPANY, a corporation,)	
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<i>Defendant.</i>)	
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)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT AT LAW

Plaintiff, H. IRIANTO, individually, and in his capacity as Special Administrator of the Estate of DR. RIO NANDA PRATAMA, deceased, by his attorneys, BartlettChen LLC and Colson Hicks Eidson, P.A., brings this Complaint at Law against the Defendant, THE BOEING COMPANY, and in support, alleges the following:

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INTRODUCTION

1. On Monday, October 29, 2018, a newly-delivered Boeing 737 MAX 8 commercial aircraft crashed in the Java Sea off the coast of Indonesia killing everyone on board. The Boeing 737 MAX 8 was being operated by the Lion Air airline as Lion Air Flight 610.

2. The newly-delivered Boeing 737 MAX 8 crashed as a result of, among other things, a new Boeing flight control system which automatically steered the aircraft toward the ground, and which caused an excessive nose-down attitude, significant altitude loss, and, ultimately, the crash into the Java Sea killing everyone on board.

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

3. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over all justiciable controversies. Plaintiffs elect to pursue all maritime claims in this Court under the Savings-to-Suitors Clause. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1333.

PARTIES & VENUE

4. H. Irianto is a resident of Indonesia and has been appointed by this Court as the special administrator and personal representative of the estate of his son, Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama. At all relevant times, Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased, was a resident of Indonesia.

5. The Boeing Company (“Boeing”) is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its worldwide headquarters and principal place of business in Chicago, Illinois.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

I. Boeing 737 MAX 8 Design & Manufacture

6. Boeing's 737 series of aircraft is the highest selling commercial aircraft in history with over 10,000 aircraft delivered.

7. Boeing's 737 MAX series is the fourth generation of the Boeing 737 series of aircraft and was first announced by Boeing on August 30, 2011; the first flight was several years later, on January 29, 2016.

8. Prior to March 8, 2017, Boeing designed the 737 MAX 8 model aircraft in the United States.

9. On March 8, 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") approved the design for the 737 MAX 8 model aircraft, also known as the 737-8.

10. At all relevant times, Boeing manufactured the 737 MAX 8 model aircraft in the United States.

11. The 737 MAX 8 is one of Boeing's several 737 MAX series of aircraft, the newest generation of Boeing's 737 series of aircraft, which Boeing initially designed, in the United States, in or around 1964—over 50 years ago.

12. According to Boeing, as part of its generational redesigns of the 737 series of aircraft, it "has continuously improved the products, features, and services."

13. At all relevant times, Boeing marketed the 737 MAX aircraft as a seamless continuation of its prior 737 series aircraft in terms of operation and maintenance.

14. On its website, Boeing states:

Airlines ask for an airplane that fits smoothly in today's fleet

Because of the 737's popularity with airlines everywhere around the world, integrating the new 737 MAX is an easy proposition. As you build your 737 MAX fleet, millions of dollars will be saved because of its commonality with the Next-Generation 737, ease of maintenance, wide availability of 737 pilots, and the global infrastructure that supports the aircraft in operation.¹

On the same website, Boeing further states that "*737 Flight Crews Will Feel at Home in the MAX.*"² (emphasis added.)

15. The Boeing 737 MAX 8, however, had a significantly different design from previous 737-series aircrafts, which as *The Wallstreet Journal* reported were not appropriately disclosed to airlines or pilots.

II. Boeing 737 MAX 8 Defect

16. Unlike any prior 737, Boeing designed the 737 MAX 8 to automatically dive toward the ground in certain situations, namely, where the aircraft's flight sensors provided information indicating such a dive was necessary to maintain lift.

17. A consequence of this unsafe design, however, was that any misinformation from those flight sensors would cause the Boeing 737 MAX 8

¹ <https://www.boeing.com/commercial/737max/by-design/#/operational-commonality>

² <https://www.boeing.com/commercial/737max/by-design/#/advanced-flight-deck>

to automatically and erroneously dive toward the ground even when the aircraft is being flown manually by the pilots. This condition can lead to an excessive nose-down attitude, significant altitude loss, and possible impact with terrain.

III. Lion Air Flight 610

18. In or around August 2018, Boeing delivered a newly manufactured 737 MAX 8 aircraft with tail number PK-LQP (the "Subject Aircraft") to Lion Air airlines in Indonesia.

19. Two months later, on the morning of October 29, 2018, Lion Air was operating the Subject Aircraft on a commercial flight from Jakarta, Indonesia to Pangkal Pinang, Indonesia ("Lion Air Flight 610").

20. Around 6:22 a.m. on the morning of October 29, 2018, shortly after takeoff from Jakarta, the pilot for Lion Air Flight 610 asked air traffic control to return to Jakarta because of a problem controlling the subject aircraft.

21. Around 10 minutes later, around 6:32 a.m., the Subject Aircraft crashed into the Java Sea at a high speed and disintegrated.

22. Plaintiff's beloved son, Dr. Rio Nando Pratama, was onboard Flight 610 and died in the crash.

23. At no relevant time prior to the crash of Lion Air Flight 610 into the Java Sea did Boeing adequately warn Lion Air or its pilots of the unsafe condition caused by the new "auto-diving" design of the 737 MAX 8 flight system.

24. As a result of the crash of Lion Air Flight 610, on November 7, 2018, the FAA issued “Emergency Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2018-23-51 [to] owners and operators of The Boeing Company Model 737-8 and -9 airplanes,” which contained mandatory warning and instructions as to the “unsafe condition . . . likely to exist or develop” in the 737 MAX 8 relating to its new auto-diving feature.

25. According to reports, prior to the crash of Lion Air Flight 610, Boeing 737 pilots “were not privy in training or in any other manuals or materials” to information regarding “the new system Boeing had installed on 737 MAX jets that could command the plane’s nose down in certain situations to prevent a stall.”³ Further reports indicate that Boeing “withheld information about potential hazards with the new flight-control feature.”⁴

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY

26. Plaintiff re-adopts and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 25 above.

27. At the time the Subject Aircraft left the control of Boeing, the Subject Aircraft was defective, not fit for its intended purposes and unreasonably dangerous in one or more of the following particulars:

- a) the subject aircraft contained an auto-dive system that was designed, manufactured, and configured to dive the

³ <https://www.malaymail.com/s/1692841/indonesia-says-situation-facing-lion-air-flight-jt610-crew-not-in-flight-ma>

⁴ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/boeing-withheld-information-on-737-model-according-to-safety-experts-and-others-1542082575>

aircraft toward the ground in certain conditions against the pilot's intentions and without adequate warning to the flight crew;

- b) the subject aircraft was designed, manufactured, and configured in a manner in which an auto-dive disengage during flight created an excessive and unrealistic work load on the flight crew;
- c) the subject aircraft lacked proper and adequate instructions and warnings regarding the design and functions of its auto-dive system;
- d) the subject aircraft lacked proper and adequate instructions and warnings and/or limitations regarding flight procedures for a malfunctioning auto-dive system; and,
- e) the subject aircraft was otherwise defective by nature of its design, manufacture, configuration, and/or assembly in particulars to be determined by discovery herein.

28. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the foregoing conditions, the Subject Aircraft operating as Lion Air Flight 610 crashed after takeoff in the Java Sea, and Plaintiff's son, Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, suffered personal injury and death.

29. Both for himself, individually, and in his capacity as Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased, Plaintiff seeks all damages available under the law.

30. Plaintiff is the duly appointed Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased, and brings this action pursuant to the Illinois Wrongful Death Act, 740 ILCS 180/1 *et seq.*, or such other law as the Court determines to be applicable under the circumstances of this case.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, H. Irianto, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nando Pratama, deceased, prays that the Court enter judgment in his favor and against the Defendant, The Boeing Company, and award him all damages available under the law, his court costs in this matter, and such other relief as the Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff seeks a sum in excess of the jurisdictional amounts of the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

**COUNT II
NEGLIGENCE – PRODUCTS LIABILITY**

31. Plaintiff re-adopts and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 25 above.

32. At all relevant times, Boeing owed a legal duty to assure that the Subject Aircraft was properly designed, manufactured, and assembled and free from defects so as not to cause personal injury or death.

33. Boeing breached its duties under the law and was negligent in one or more of the following ways:

- a) the subject aircraft contained an auto-dive system that was designed, manufactured, and configured to dive the aircraft toward the ground in certain conditions against the pilot's intentions and without adequate warning to the flight crew;
- b) the subject aircraft was designed, manufactured, and configured in a manner in which an auto-dive disengage during flight created an excessive and unrealistic work load on the flight crew;
- c) the subject aircraft lacked proper and adequate instructions and warnings regarding the design and functions of its auto-dive system; and,

- d) Boeing failed to conduct appropriate testing of the subject aircraft's components and systems prior to delivery to Lion Air.

34. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the aforementioned acts of negligence by Boeing, the Subject Aircraft operating as Lion Air Flight 610 crashed after takeoff in the Java Sea and Plaintiff's son, Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, sustained fatal injuries.

35. Due to the tragic death of his son, Plaintiff has suffered pain and has sustained substantial pecuniary losses, including grief, sorrow, mental suffering, loss of society, and loss of companionship, love, and affection.

36. Both for himself, individually, and in his capacity as Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased, Plaintiff seeks all damages available under the law.

37. Plaintiff is the duly appointed Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased, and brings this action pursuant to the Illinois Wrongful Death Act, 740 ILCS 180/1 *et seq.*, or such other law as the Court determines to be applicable under the circumstances of this case.

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**COUNT III
NEGLIGENCE – FAILURE TO WARN**

38. Plaintiff re-adopts and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 25 above.

39. At all relevant times, Boeing had a duty to inform and warn the owners, operators, and pilots of the 737 MAX 8 series of aircraft, including the Subject Aircraft, of the unsafe condition likely to exist or develop by virtue of the auto-dive feature.

40. Boeing breached its duties under the law and was negligent in one or more of the following ways:

- a) the subject aircraft lacked proper and adequate instructions and warnings regarding the design and functions of its auto-dive system;
- b) the subject aircraft lacked proper and adequate instructions and warnings and/or limitations regarding flight procedures for a malfunctioning auto-dive system; and,
- c) the 737 MAX 8 Flight Crew Operations Manual failed to appropriately alert pilots, including the pilots of the subject aircraft, to the design, functions, and hazards of Boeing's auto-dive system and procedures for addressing a malfunctioning auto-dive system.

41. As a direct and proximate result of that breach, the Subject Aircraft operating as Lion Air Flight 610 crashed after takeoff in the Java Sea, and Plaintiff's son, Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, sustained fatal injuries.

42. Due to the tragic death of his son, Plaintiff has suffered pain and has sustained substantial pecuniary losses, including grief, sorrow, mental suffering, loss of society, and loss of companionship, love, and affection.

43. Both for himself, individually, and in his capacity as Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased, Plaintiff seeks all damages available under the law.

44. Plaintiff is the duly appointed Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased, and brings this action pursuant to the Illinois Wrongful Death Act, 740 ILCS 180/1 *et seq.*, or such other law as the Court determines to be applicable under the circumstances of this case.

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JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

Dated: November 14, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

**H. IRIANTO, Individually, and in his
capacity as Special Administrator of the
Estate of DR. RIO NANDA PRATAMA,
Deceased.**

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Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

Dated: November 14, 2018

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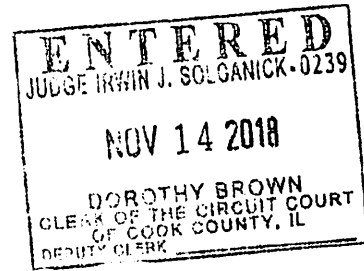
2. Plaintiff-Petitioner H. IRIANTO is hereby appointed Special Administrator of the Estate of DR. RIO NANDA PRATAMA, deceased, pursuant to the Illinois Wrongful Death Act, 740 ILCS 180/2.1.

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PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH

CASE TYPES:

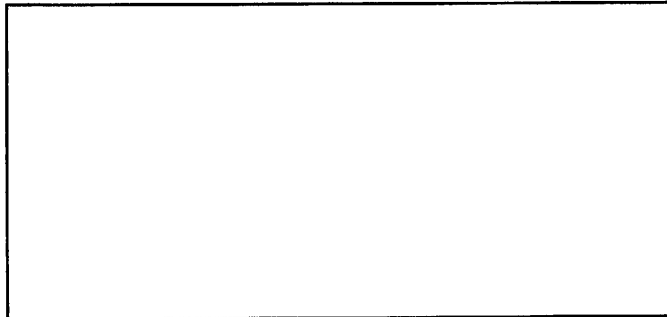
- [] 027 Motor Vehicle
[] 040 Medical Malpractice
[] 047 Asbestos
[] 048 Dram Shop
[] 049 Product Liability
[] 051 Construction Injuries (including Structural Work Act, Road Construction Injuries Act and negligence)
[] 052 Railroad/FELA
[] 053 Pediatric Lead Exposure
[X] 061 Other Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
[] 063 Intentional Tort
[] 064 Miscellaneous Statutory Action (Please Specify Below**)
[] 065 Premises Liability
[] 078 Fen-phen/Redux Litigation
[] 199 Silicone Implant

TAX & MISCELLANEOUS REMEDIES

CASE TYPES:

- [] 007 Confessions of Judgment
[] 008 Replevin
[] 009 Tax
[] 015 Condemnation
[] 017 Detinue
[] 029 Unemployment Compensation
[] 031 Foreign Transcript
[] 036 Administrative Review Action
[] 085 Petition to Register Foreign Judgment
[] 099 All Other Extraordinary Remedies

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COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

CASE TYPES:

- [] 002 Breach of Contract
[] 070 Professional Malpractice (other than legal or medical)
[] 071 Fraud (other than legal or medical)
[] 072 Consumer Fraud
[] 073 Breach of Warranty
[] 074 Statutory Action (Please specify below.***)
[] 075 Other Commercial Litigation (Please specify below.***)
[] 076 Retaliatory Discharge

OTHER ACTIONS

CASE TYPES:

- [] 062 Property Damage
[] 066 Legal Malpractice
[] 077 Libel/Slander
[] 079 Petition for Qualified Orders
[] 084 Petition to Issue Subpoena
[] 100 Petition for Discovery

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PETITION TO APPOINT SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Plaintiff-Petitioner, H. IRIANTO, by his attorneys, BartlettChen LLC and Colson Hicks Eidson, respectfully moves this Court for an Order appointing him Special Administrator of the Estate of his adult son, DR. RIO NANDA PRATAMA, deceased, and in support, states the following:

1. This litigation arises out of the tragic death of Petitioner H. Irianto's son in an airplane crash in Indonesia on Lion Air Flight 610.

2. Petitioner's son, Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased, was a passenger on Lion Air Flight 610 and died as a result of the crash of the aircraft in the Java Sea shortly after takeoff.

3. At the time of his death, the decedent, Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, was survived by the following heirs and legatees:

Heir	Relationship to Decedent
H. Irianto	Father
Emmiyola	Mother
Putri Dwi Andini	Sister

4. Due notice has been provided to all heirs and legatees, and they consent to the appointment of H. Irianto as the Special Administrator of the Estate of Dr. Rio Nanda Pratama, deceased.

5. The decedent's heirs have a viable wrongful death action to be filed in the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

6. Petitioner H. Irianto, the father of the decedent, is a "next-of-kin" of the decedent and is entitled to bring this cause of action on behalf of all heirs under the Illinois Wrongful Death Act.

7. This cause of action is the sole asset of the decedent's estate in this state.

8. No petition for letters of office have been filed for decedent's estate in this state.

9. The information contained in this petition is based upon the personal knowledge of the petitioner H. Irianto.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, H. IRIANTO, by his attorneys, BartlettChen LLC and Colson Hicks Eidson, respectfully moves this Court for an Order appointing him Special Administrator of the Estate of his deceased son, DR. RIO NANDA PRATAMA, deceased, for the purpose of bringing a Wrongful Death Action in the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

Dated: November 14, 2018

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