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10 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
11 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

12 Manuel Bandres Oto and Elisa Lopez-Belio,  
13 individually, and on behalf of all eligible  
14 beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
15 wrongful death of Marina Bandres Lopez-  
Belio;

16 Wilhelm Hubert Bahnners and Martha Seidle,  
17 individually, as personal representatives of  
18 the Estate of Frank Bahnners, deceased, and  
19 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
20 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Frank Bahnners;

21 Bernd Baum and Ingrid Baum, guardians of  
22 minors Yannick Meyer and Lukas Meyer,  
beneficiaries of the claim for the wrongful  
23 death of Stefan Meyer and Barbara Meyer;

24 Bringfried Baum and Ruth Baum,  
25 individually, as personal representatives of  
26 the Estate of Barbara Meyer, deceased, and  
27 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
28 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Barbara Meyer;

No.

**COMPLAINT FOR WRONGFUL  
DEATH, NEGLIGENCE**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

1 Wilhelm Bergjürgen and Stefanie Assmann,  
2 individually, as personal representatives of  
3 the Estate of Linda Bergjürgen, deceased,  
4 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
5 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
6 Linda Bergjürgen;

7 Frank Blendermann and Ulrike  
8 Blendermann, individually, as personal  
9 representatives of the Estate of Tim  
10 Blendermann, deceased, and on behalf of all  
11 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
12 the wrongful death of Tim Blendermann;

13 Dr. Martin Bleß and Annette Bleß,  
14 individually, as personal representatives of  
15 the Estate of Elena Bleß, deceased, and on  
16 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
17 arising from the wrongful death of Elena  
18 Bleß;

19 Elsbeth Blumhoff, Steffen Walter and  
20 Natalie Walter, individually, as personal  
21 representatives of the Estate of Sabine  
22 Jockheck, deceased, and on behalf of all  
23 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
24 the wrongful death of Sabine Jockheck;

25 Ana Quenty Bogado Benitez, as natural  
26 parent of minors Gabriela Schmidt Bogado  
27 and Ralph Schmidt Bogado, Gunter Schmidt  
28 and Johanna Schmidt, individually, as  
personal representatives of the Estate of  
Ralph Schmidt, deceased, and on behalf of  
all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
from the wrongful death of Ralph Schmidt;

Andreas Bourgeois, individually, as personal  
representative of the Estates of Dietmar  
Bourgeois, deceased, and Roswitha  
Bourgeois, deceased, and on behalf of all  
eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Dietmar Bourgeois and

1 Roswitha Bourgeois;

2 Carol Anne Bramley, individually, as  
3 personal representative of the Estate of Paul  
4 Bramley, deceased, and on behalf of all  
5 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
6 the wrongful death of Paul Bramley; and  
7 Philip Bramley, individually, and on behalf  
8 of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
9 from the wrongful death of Paul Bramley;

10 Oliver Brillert and Josef Cercek,  
11 individually, as personal representatives of  
12 the Estate of Sonja Cercek, deceased, and on  
13 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
14 arising from the wrongful death of Sonja  
15 Cercek;

16 Olga Bryjak, Dimitri Bryjak and Vasili  
17 Bryjak, individually, as personal  
18 representatives of the Estate of Oleg Bryjak,  
19 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
20 beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
21 wrongful death of Oleg Bryjak;

22 Emine Celik, individually, as personal  
23 representative of the Estate of Muradiye  
24 Lohmann, deceased, and on behalf of all  
25 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
26 the wrongful death of Muradiye Lohmann;

27 Machiel Jozef Claassen and Petronella  
28 Andrea Van Doorne, individually, as  
personal representatives of the Estate of Iris  
Claassen, deceased, and on behalf of all  
eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Iris Claassen;

Bernd Drüppel and Anne Drüppel,  
individually, as personal representatives of  
the Estate of Lea Drüppel, deceased, and on  
behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
arising from the wrongful death of Lea

1 Drüppel;

2 Hilmar Eils, individually, as personal  
3 representative of the Estate of Selina Eils,  
4 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
5 beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
6 wrongful death of Selina Eils;

7 Hildegard Fandrich, individually, and on  
8 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
9 arising from the wrongful death of Kerstin  
10 Oelrich;

11 Stefanie Fischenich, as natural parent of  
12 minor Maya Fischenich, Brigitte Fischenich  
13 and Jurgen Fischenich, individually, as  
14 personal representatives of the Estate of Sven  
15 Fischenich, deceased, and on behalf of all  
16 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
17 the wrongful death of Sven Fischenich;

18 Tanja Fischer, as natural parent of minor  
19 Lena Schenk, individually, as personal  
20 representative of the Estate of Felix Schenk,  
21 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
22 beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
23 wrongful death of Felix Schenk;

24 Anna Maria Gallego, as natural parent of  
25 minor Ann-Kathrin Medrano Gallego,  
26 individually, as personal representative of the  
27 Estate of Luis Eduardo Medrano Aragon,  
28 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
wrongful death of Luis Eduardo Medrano  
Aragon;

Herbert Gerdes and Sabine Wardenga-  
Gerdes, individually, as personal  
representatives of the Estate of Gina Gerdes,  
deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
wrongful death of Gina Gerdes;

1 Jürgen Gortmann and Elke Gortmann,  
2 individually, as personal representatives of  
3 the Estate of Dennie Gortmann, deceased,  
4 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
5 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Dennie Gortmann;

6 Philipp Gottschall, Vera Gottschall, Carolin  
7 Gottschall and Rudolfa Wübbel,  
8 individually, as personal representatives of  
9 the Estate of Beatrix Gottschall, and on  
10 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
arising from the wrongful death of Beatrix  
Gottschall;

11 Peter Hahn and Petra Hahn, individually, as  
12 personal representatives of the Estate of  
13 Ann-Christin Han, deceased, and on behalf  
14 of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
15 from the wrongful death of Ann-Christin  
Hahn;

16 Sonja Hedermann and Lena Fischer,  
17 individually, as personal representatives of  
18 the Estate of Sascha Schenk, deceased, and  
19 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Sascha Schenk;

20 Edgar Hermann and Andrea Hermann,  
21 individually, as personal representatives of  
22 the Estate of Julia Hermann, deceased, and  
23 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
24 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Julia Hermann;

25 Harald Höfer and Manuela Höfer  
26 individually, as personal representatives of  
27 the Estate of Christopher Höfer, deceased,  
28 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Christopher Höfer;

1 Mohammed Mehti Hojjatoleslami and  
2 Maryam Taherpour, individually, as personal  
3 representatives of the Estate of Milad  
4 Hojjatoleslami, deceased, and on behalf of  
5 all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
6 from the wrongful death of Milad  
7 Hojjatoleslami;

8 Wanda Höltkemeyer, individually, as  
9 personal representative of the Estate of Anke  
10 Kohlstädt, deceased, and on behalf of all  
11 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
12 the wrongful death of Anke Kohlstädt;

13 Brigitte Hülsmann, individually, as personal  
14 representative of the Estate of Klaus  
15 Hülsmann, deceased, and on behalf of all  
16 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
17 the wrongful death of Klaus Hülsmann;

18 Julia Jockheck, Michaela Jockheck and  
19 Korinna Walther, individually, as personal  
20 representatives of the Estate of Manfred  
21 Jockheck, deceased, and on behalf of all  
22 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
23 the wrongful death of Manfred Jockheck;

24 Susanne Klüh and Annemarie Klüh,  
25 individually, as personal representatives of  
26 the Estate of Stefan Klüh, deceased, and on  
27 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
28 arising from the wrongful death of Stefan  
Klüh;

Herbert Koch and Anne Koch, individually,  
as personal representatives of the Estate of  
Marleen Koch, deceased, and on behalf of all  
eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Marleen Koch;

Günter Kohlstädt and Ursula Kohlstädt,  
individually, as personal representatives of

1 the Estate of Michael Kohlstädt, deceased,  
2 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
3 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Michael Kohlstädt;

4 Mark Kevin Kohlstädt, individually, as  
5 personal representative of the Estates of  
6 Michael Kohlstädt, deceased, and Anke  
7 Kohlstädt, deceased, and on behalf of all  
8 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
9 the wrongful death of Michael Kohlstädt,  
10 deceased, and Anke Kohlstädt, deceased; and  
11 Gabriele Löchel, legal guardian of minor  
Emily Lara Kohlstädt, individually, and on  
12 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of the  
13 claims for the wrongful deaths of Michael  
14 Kohlstädt and Anke Kohlstädt;

15 Karl Korolczuk and Danuta Korolczuk,  
16 individually, as personal representatives of  
17 the Estate of Maik Korolczuk, deceased, and  
18 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
19 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
20 Maik Korolczuk;

21 Emil Kraus and Elisabeth Kraus,  
22 individually, as personal representative of the  
23 Estate of Peter Heinz Kraus, deceased, and  
24 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
25 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
26 Peter Heinz Kraus;

27 Joachim Lehmann, individually, as personal  
28 representative of the Estate of Diana  
Lehmann, deceased, and on behalf of all  
eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Diana Lehmann;

Esther Lopez Llopis, Gina Oppenau Lopez,  
Noel Oppenau Lopez and Gertrud Gehlen,  
individually, as personal representatives of  
the Estate of Dirk Oppenau, deceased, and on  
behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims

1 arising from the wrongful death of Dirk  
2 Oppenau;

3 Karl Ludwig, individually, as personal  
4 representative of the Estate of Bettina  
5 Ludwig, deceased, and on behalf of all  
6 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
7 the wrongful death of Bettina Ludwig;

8 Andreas Lütkenhaus and Kirsten  
9 Lütkenhaus, individually, as personal  
10 representatives of the Estate of Paula  
11 Lütkenhaus, deceased, and on behalf of all  
12 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
13 the wrongful death of Paula Lütkenhaus;

14 Dominik Marcol and Consuelo de Nuno  
15 Carazo, individually, as personal  
16 representatives of the Estate of Maria de  
17 Paplo Nuno, deceased, and on behalf of all  
18 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
19 the wrongful death of Maria de Paplo Nuno;

20 Sharon Anne Matthews, individually, as  
21 personal representative of the Estate of  
22 Martyn Matthews, deceased, and on behalf  
23 of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
24 from the wrongful death of Martyn  
25 Matthews; and Nathan Luke Matthews, Jade  
26 Matthews and Iris Matthews, individually,  
27 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
28 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
29 Martyn Matthews;

30 Christine Maue and Beate Maue,  
31 individually, as personal representatives of  
32 the Estate of Jürgen Diemer, deceased, and  
33 Claudia Diemer, deceased, and on behalf of  
34 all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
35 from the wrongful deaths of Jürgen Diemer  
36 and Claudia Diemer;

37 Heide Meurer and Bernd Koch, individually,



1 as personal representatives of the Estate of  
2 Lutz Koch, deceased, and on behalf of all  
3 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Lutz Koch;

4 Udo Meyer and Ruth Meyer, individually, as  
5 personal representatives of the Estate of  
6 Stefan Meyer, deceased, and on behalf of all  
7 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Stefan Meyer;

8 Frank Noack and Jana Noack, individually,  
9 as personal representatives of the Estate of  
10 Juliane Noack, deceased, and on behalf of all  
11 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Juliane Noack;

12 Carolin Oelrich and Christiane Oelrich,  
13 individually, as personal representatives of  
14 the Estates of Andreas Oelrich, deceased,  
15 and Kerstin Oelrich, deceased, and on behalf  
16 of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
from the wrongful deaths of Andreas Oelrich  
and Kerstin Oelrich;

17 Hilde Oelrich, individually, and on behalf of  
18 all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
19 from the wrongful death of Andreas Oelrich;

20 Günter Olthoff and Heidi Olthoff,  
21 individually, as personal representatives of  
22 the Estate of Geert Olthoff, deceased, and on  
23 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
arising from the wrongful death of Geert  
Olthoff;

24 Pawel Pracz, individually, as personal  
25 representative of the Estates of Marina  
26 Bandres Lopez-Belio, deceased, and Julian  
27 Pracz-Bandres, deceased, and on behalf of all  
28 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Marina Bandres  
Lopez-Belio and Julian Pracz-Bandres;

1 Herman Püntmann and Annemarie  
2 Püntmann, individually, as personal  
3 representatives of the Estate of Ann-Kathrin  
4 Püntmann, deceased, and on behalf of all  
5 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
6 the wrongful death of Ann-Kathrin  
7 Püntmann;

8 Klaus Radner, individually, as personal  
9 representative of the Estate of Maria Radner,  
10 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
11 beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
12 wrongful death of Maria Radner;

13 Gladys Razo and Saturnino Ajón Tirado,  
14 individually, as personal representatives of  
15 the Estate of Daniela Ajón Razo, deceased,  
16 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
17 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
18 Daniela Ajón Razo;

19 Dirk Rogge and Anne Rogge, individually,  
20 as personal representatives of the Estate of  
21 Fabio Rogge, deceased, and on behalf of all  
22 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
23 the wrongful death of Fabio Rogge;

24 Mayuko Sato, as natural parent of minors  
25 Ren Sato and Nanoka Sato, individually, as  
26 personal representative of the Estate of  
27 Junichi Sato, deceased, and on behalf of all  
28 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Junichi Sato;

Wilhelm Scheideler and Kerstin  
Stürzebecher, individually, as personal  
representatives of the Estate of Rabea  
Scheideler, deceased, and on behalf of all  
eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Rabea Scheideler;

Helmut Erwin Schenk, individually, as

1 personal representative of the Estate of  
2 Stefanie Schenk, deceased, and on behalf of  
3 all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
4 from the wrongful death of Stefanie Schenk;

4 Ferdinand Schmitz, Sabine Röhlinger and  
5 Brigitte Hülsmann, individually, as personal  
6 representatives of the Estate of Jessica  
7 Hülsmann, deceased, and on behalf of all  
8 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
9 the wrongful death of Jessica Hülsmann;

9 Ludwig Schonebeck and Ulrike Schonebeck,  
10 individually, as personal representatives of  
11 the Estate of Erick Schonebeck, deceased,  
12 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
13 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
14 Erik Schonebeck;

13 Dietrich Schützler, Franziska Kusserow and  
14 Matthias Schützler, individually, as personal  
15 representatives of the Estate of Karin  
16 Schützler, deceased, and on behalf of all  
17 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
18 the wrongful death of Karin Schützler;

18 Rolf Schukart and Petra Schukart,  
19 individually, as personal representatives of  
20 the Estate of Lea Schukart, deceased, and on  
21 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
22 arising from the wrongful death of Lea  
23 Schukart;

22 Thomas Siebe and Marion Siebe,  
23 individually, as personal representatives of  
24 the Estate of Helena Siebe, deceased, and on  
25 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
26 arising from the wrongful death of Helena  
27 Siebe;

27 Danny Smailagić, individually, as personal  
28 representative of the Estates of Emira  
Smailagić, deceased and Fehret Smailagić,

1 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
2 beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
3 wrongful deaths of Emira Smailagić and  
Fehret Smailagić.

4 Michael Soblik and Gila Soblik, individually,  
5 as personal representatives of the Estate of  
6 Larissa Soblik, deceased, and on behalf of all  
7 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Larissa Soblik;

8 Andreas Stahl and Cornelia Stahl,  
9 individually, as personal representatives of  
10 the Estate of Sebastian Stahl, deceased, and  
11 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
12 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Sebastian Stahl;

13 Jürgen Strang and Dagmar Strang,  
14 individually, as personal representatives of  
15 the Estate of Steffen Strang, deceased, and  
16 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Steffen Strang;

17 Carlos Andrews Suarez Acosta, Marleny  
18 Concepcion Ocampo Molano and Luis  
19 Eduardo Tejada Arellano, individually, as  
20 personal representatives of the Estate of  
21 Maria del Pilar Tejada Ocampo, deceased,  
22 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Maria del Pilar Tejada Ocampo;

23 Hassan Tahrioui and Fadila El Boujjoufi,  
24 individually, as personal representatives of  
25 the Estate of Mohamed Tahrioui, deceased,  
26 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Mohamed Tahrioui;

27 Engelbert Tegethoff and Brigitte Tegethoff,  
28 individually, as personal representatives of

1 the Estate of Stefanie Tegethoff, deceased,  
2 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
3 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Stefanie Tegethoff;

4 Hans-Wolfgang Treppe and Eva-Marie  
5 Treppe, individually, as personal  
6 representatives of the Estate of Thomas  
7 Treppe, deceased, and on behalf of all  
8 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
the wrongful death of Thomas Treppe;

9 Peter Venhoff and Anke Venhoff,  
10 individually, as personal representatives of  
11 the Estate of Aline Venhoff, deceased, and  
12 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Aline Venhoff;

13 Wolfgang Voß and Brigitte Voß,  
14 individually, as personal representatives of  
15 the Estate of Jens Voß, deceased, and on  
16 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
arising from the wrongful death of Jens Voß;

17 Günter Welters and Margarete Sadlo,  
18 individually, as personal representatives of  
19 the Estate of Kristina Sadlo, deceased, and  
20 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Kristina Sadlo; and

21 Ludger Westermann and Silke Westermann,  
22 individually, as personal representatives of  
23 the Estate of Caja Westermann, deceased,  
24 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
25 claims arising from the wrongful death of  
Caja Westermann,

26 Plaintiffs,

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1 Airline Training Center Arizona, Inc.,

2 Defendant.

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5 Plaintiffs, individually, as representatives of the respective estates of the  
6 Decedents named herein, and on behalf of all statutory beneficiaries of the claims for the  
7 wrongful deaths of the Decedents named herein, by their attorneys Kreindler & Kreindler  
8 LLP, allege and state as follows:  
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10 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

11 1. Jurisdiction in this Court is based upon 28 U.S.C. §1332(a), diversity of  
12 citizenship by reason of the fact that no plaintiff is a citizen or resident of the State of  
13 Arizona, the defendant Airline Training Center Arizona, Inc. (“ATCA”) was incorporated  
14 in the State of Arizona and at all relevant times ATCA had its principal place of business  
15 in Arizona.  
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18 2. Venue is proper in this jurisdiction because ATCA’s principal place of  
19 business is Arizona and the wrongful and negligent acts that give rise to this action took  
20 place in Arizona.  
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22 3. The amount in controversy for each claim asserted in this wrongful death  
23 action is in excess of \$75,000 excluding interest and costs.  
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25 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

26 4. On March 24, 2015, Andreas Lubitz (hereinafter “Lubitz”) was a  
27 Germanwings employee assigned to be the co-pilot of an Airbus A320-211 registered as  
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1 D-AIPX (hereinafter “subject aircraft”) and operated by Germanwings as Flight 4U9525  
2 that departed Barcelona, Spain with an intended destination of Dusseldorf, Germany  
3 (hereinafter the “subject flight”). Two pilots, four cabin crew and 144 passengers were  
4 on board the subject flight.  
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6 5. Lubitz committed suicide during the subject flight and killed all persons on  
7 board by flying the subject aircraft into mountainous terrain near Alpes-de-Haute-  
8 Provence, France. At approximately 9:30 a.m. CET, Lubitz locked the other pilot out of  
9 the cockpit and programmed the subject aircraft to descend. Over the next approximately  
10 11 minutes the subject aircraft continued to change airspeed and descend toward the  
11 ground as the pilot repeatedly shouted for Lubitz to let him into the cockpit and pounded  
12 on the door in an effort to gain entry to the cockpit. During this sequence of events until  
13 the moment of impact, the passengers experienced extreme fear of impending death,  
14 panic, pain, suffering and unimaginable mental anguish. At approximately 9:41 a.m.  
15 CET the subject aircraft impacted terrain, killing all on board.  
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19 6. As more fully set forth in this complaint, ATCA was negligent, careless and  
20 reckless and breached its duty of care to the passengers of Germanwings Flight 4U9525  
21 in failing to properly screen Lubitz when he applied for admission to its commercial  
22 airline training center because, among other things, proper screening would have revealed  
23 his history of severe depression, suicidal ideations, hospitalization on account of such  
24 mental disorders and his dishonesty and untrustworthiness, making him unqualified to  
25 become a Lufthansa commercial airline pilot.  
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28 7. During his flight training, ATCA failed to properly monitor Lubitz for

1 symptoms of psychological abnormalities, reactive depression and personality disorders  
2 and when Lubitz exhibited such symptoms ATCA failed to disqualify him from  
3 continuing his training to become a commercial airline pilot.  
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5 8. Furthermore, ATCA was the gatekeeper to Lubitz's career as a Lufthansa  
6 commercial airline pilot and knew or should have known that Lubitz's mental disorders  
7 and lack of trustworthiness created the risk that were he not denied admission to its flight  
8 training program passengers in planes he piloted would be exposed to unreasonable risk  
9 of death and harm.  
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11 9. ATCA's negligence, carelessness and recklessness were proximate causes  
12 of the deaths of the Germanwings Flight 4U9525 passengers.  
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## 14 **PARTIES**

### 15 **Plaintiffs**

16 10. The plaintiffs, individually and as eligible beneficiaries, and as heirs and/or  
17 next of kin of passengers who were killed on the subject flight seek damages on account  
18 of their relatives' murder and wrongful death.  
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20 11. Manuel Bandres Oto and Elisa Lopez-Belio are the parents of Marina  
21 Bandres Lopez-Belio, and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the  
22 Estate of Marina Bandres Lopez-Belio, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as  
23 persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Marina  
24 Bandres Lopez-Belio, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
25 arising from the wrongful death of Marina Bandres Lopez-Belio.  
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28 12. Wilhelm Hubert Bahners and Martha Seidle are the parents of decedent



1 Frank Bahners, and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
2 Frank Bahners, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will  
3 be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Frank Bahners, deceased, and on  
4 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Frank  
5 Bahners.  
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7 13. Bernd Baum and Ingrid Baum are the guardians of minors Yannick Meyer  
8 and Lukas Meyer, the sons of decedents Stefan Meyer and Barbara Meyer. Bernd Baum  
9 and Ingrid Baum bring this claim on behalf of Yannick Meyer and Lukas Meyer,  
10 beneficiaries of the claim for the wrongful death of Stefan Meyer and Barbara Meyer.  
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12 14. Bringfried Baum and Ruth Baum are the parents of decedent Barbara  
13 Meyer and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Barbara  
14 Meyer, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
15 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Barbara Meyer, deceased, and on  
16 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Barbara  
17 Meyer, including but not limited to Bernd Baum.  
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19 15. Wilhelm Bergjürgen and Stefanie Assmann are the parents of decedent  
20 Linda Bergjürgen, and are or will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of  
21 Linda Bergjürgen, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
22 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Linda Bergjürgen, deceased,  
23 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
24 Linda Bergjürgen, including but not limited to Christian Bergjürgen.  
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28 16. Frank Blendermann and Ulrike Blendermann are the parents of decedent

1 Tim Blendermann, and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate  
2 of Tim Blendermann, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are  
3 or will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Tim Blendermann,  
4 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful  
5 death of Tim Blendermann, including but not limited to Anna-Lena Blendermann and  
6 Clemens Blendermann.  
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9 17. Dr. Martin Bleß and Annette Bleß are the parents of decedent Elena Bleß,  
10 and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Elena Bleß,  
11 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
12 personal representatives of the Estate of Elena Bleß, deceased, and on behalf of all  
13 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Elena Bleß.  
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15 18. Elsbeth Blumhoff is the mother of decedent Sabine Jockheck. Steffen  
16 Walter and Natalie Walter are the children of decedent Sabine Jockheck. They are or will  
17 be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Sabine Jockheck, deceased.  
18 They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal  
19 representatives of the Estate of Sabine Jockheck, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
20 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Sabine Jockheck, including but  
21 not limited to Andrea Heikenfeld.  
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24 19. Ana Quenty Bogado Benitez is the surviving spouse of decedent Ralph  
25 Schmidt and the mother of minors Gabriela Schmidt Bogado and Ralph Schmidt Bogado,  
26 the children of decedent Ralph Schmidt. Gunter Schmidt and Johanna Schmidt are the  
27 parents of Ralph Schmidt. Ana Quenty Bogado Benitez, Gunter Schmidt and Johanna  
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1 Schmidt are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Ralph  
2 Schmidt, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
3 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Ralph Schmidt, deceased, and on  
4 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Ralph  
5 Schmidt, including but not limited to Ania Munker.

7 20. Andreas Bourgeois is the son of decedents Dietmar Bourgeois and  
8 Roswitha Bourgeois, and is or will be appointed as personal representative of the Estates  
9 of Dietmar Bourgeois, deceased, and Roswitha Bourgeois, deceased. He brings this  
10 claim individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal representative of the  
11 Estates of Dietmar Bourgeois, deceased, and Roswitha Bourgeois, deceased, and on  
12 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Dietmar  
13 Bourgeois and Roswitha Bourgeois, including but not limited to Rainer Bourgeois.

16 21. Carole Anne Bramley and Philip Bramley are the parents of decedent Paul  
17 Bramley. Carole Anne Bramley is or will be appointed as personal representative of the  
18 Estate of Paul Bramley, deceased. She brings this claim individually, as personal  
19 representative of the Estate of Paul Bramley, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
20 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Paul Bramley. Philip Bramley  
21 brings this claim individually and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
22 from the wrongful death of Paul Bramley.

25 22. Oliver Brillert is the surviving spouse of decedent Sonja Cercek. Josef  
26 Cercek is the surviving father of decedent Sonja Cercek. They are or will be appointed as  
27 personal representatives of the Estate of Sonja Cercek, deceased. They bring this claim  
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1 individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the  
2 Estate of Sonja Cercek, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
3 arising from the wrongful death of Sonja Cercek.  
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5 23. Olga Bryjak is the surviving spouse of Oleg Bryjak. Dimitri Bryjak and  
6 Vasili Bryjak are the sons of decedent Oleg Bryjak. Olga Bryjak, Dimitri Bryjak and  
7 Vasili Bryjak are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Oleg  
8 Bryjak, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
9 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Oleg Bryjak, deceased, and on behalf  
10 of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Oleg Bryjak.  
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12 24. Emine Celik is the sister of decedent Muradiye Lohmann and is or will be  
13 appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Muradiye Lohmann, deceased. She  
14 brings this claim, individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal  
15 representative of the Estate of Muradiye Lohmann, and on behalf of all eligible  
16 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Muradiye Lohmann, including  
17 but not limited to Efe Mukaddes, Atik Hatice, Riza Celik and Dondunur Yilmaz.  
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19 25. Machiel Jozef Claassen and Petronella Andrea Van Doorne are the parents  
20 of decedent Iris Claassen and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the  
21 Estate of Iris Claassen, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are  
22 or will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Iris Claassen, deceased, and  
23 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Iris  
24 Claassen, including but not limited to Davy Andreas Antonius Claassen.  
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28 26. Bernd Drüppel and Anne Drüppel are the parents of decedent Lea Drüppel

1 and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Lea Drüppel,  
2 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
3 personal representatives of the Estate of Lea Drüppel, deceased, and on behalf of all  
4 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Lea Drüppel.  
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6 27. Hilmar Eils is the father of decedent Selina Eils and is or will be appointed  
7 as personal representative of the Estate of Selina Eils, deceased. He brings this claim  
8 individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal representative of the Estate  
9 of Selina Eils, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
10 the wrongful death of Selina Eils, including but not limited to Niklas Eils.  
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12 28. Hildegard Fandrich is the mother of decedent Kerstin Oelrich, and she  
13 brings this claim individually and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
14 from the wrongful death of Kerstin Oelrich.  
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16 29. Stefanie Fischenich is the surviving spouse of decedent Sven Fischenich  
17 and the mother of minor Maya Fischenich, daughter of decedent Sven Fischenich.  
18 Stefanie Fischenich brings this claim individually, on behalf of minor Maya Fischenich,  
19 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
20 Sven Fischenich. Brigitte Fischenich and Jurgen Fischenich are the parents of decedent  
21 Sven Fischenich. Stefanie Fischenich, Brigitte Fischenich and Jurgen Fischenich are or  
22 will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Sven Fischenich, deceased.  
23 They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal  
24 representatives of the Estate of Sven Fischenich, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
25 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Sven Fischenich, including but  
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1 not limited to Marc Fischenich.

2 30. Tanja Fischer is the guardian of minor Lena Schenk, half-sister of decedent  
3 Felix Schenk, a minor. Tanja Fischer is or will be appointed personal representative of  
4 the Estate of Felix Schenk, deceased. Klaus Radner is the grandfather of decedent Felix  
5 Schenk, a minor. Sonja Hedermann is the grandmother of decedent Felix Schenk, a  
6 minor. Tanja Fischer, Klaus Radner and Sonja Hedermann are or will be appointed as  
7 personal representatives of the Estate of Felix Schenk, deceased. They bring this claim  
8 individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the  
9 Estate of Felix Schenk, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
10 arising from the wrongful death of Felix Schenk.  
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14 31. Mohammed Hojjatoleslami and Maryam Taherpour are the parents of  
15 decedent Milad Hojjatoleslami and are or will be appointed personal representative of the  
16 Estate Milad Hojjatoleslami, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons  
17 who are or will be appointed personal representative of the Estate of Milad  
18 Hojjatoleslami, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
19 the wrongful death of Milad Hojjatoleslami, including but not limited to Mashid  
20 Hojjatoleslami.  
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23 32. Herbert Gerdes and Sabine Wardenga-Gerdes are the parents of decedent  
24 Gina Gerdes and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Gina  
25 Gerdes, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
26 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Gina Gerdes, deceased, and on behalf  
27 of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Gina Gerdes.  
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1           33. Jürgen Gortmann and Elke Gortmann are the parents of decedent Dennie  
2 Gortmann and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Dennie  
3 Gortmann, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
4 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Dennie Gortmann, and on behalf of all  
5 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Dennie Gortmann,  
6 including but not limited to Marvin Gortmann.  
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8           34. Philipp Gottschall is the surviving spouse of decedent Beatrix Gottschall.  
9 Vera Gottschall and Carolin Gottschall are the daughters of decedent Beatrix Gottschall.  
10 Rudolfa Wübbel is the mother of decedent Beatrix Gottschall. They are or will be  
11 appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Beatrix Gottschall, deceased. They  
12 bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal  
13 representatives of the Estate of Beatrix Gottschall, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
14 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Beatrix Gottschall.  
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17           35. Peter Hahn and Petra Hahn are the parents of decedent Ann-Christin Hahn  
18 and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Ann-Christin  
19 Hahn, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
20 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Ann-Christin Hahn, deceased, and on  
21 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Ann-  
22 Christin Hahn.  
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25           36. Sonja Hedermann is the mother of decedent Sascha Schenk. Lena Fischer  
26 is the daughter of Sascha Schenk. They are or will be appointed as personal  
27 representatives of the Estate of Sascha Schenk, deceased. They bring this claim  
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1 individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the  
2 Estate of Sascha Schenk, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
3 arising from the wrongful death of Sascha Schenk.  
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5 37. Edgar Hermann and Andrea Hermann are the parents of decedent Julia  
6 Hermann and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Julia  
7 Hermann, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
8 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Julia Hermann, deceased, and on  
9 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Julia  
10 Hermann.  
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12 38. Harald Höfer and Manuela Höfer are the parents of decedent Christopher  
13 Höfer and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
14 Christopher Höfer, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
15 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Christopher Höfer, deceased,  
16 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
17 Christopher Höfer, including but not limited to Anna Höfer.  
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19 39. Mohammed Mehti Hojjatoleslami and Maryam Taherpour are the parents  
20 of decedent Milad Hojjatoleslami and are or will be appointed as personal representatives  
21 of the Estate of Milad Hojjatoleslami, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as  
22 persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Milad  
23 Hojjatoleslami, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
24 the wrongful death of Milad Hojjatoleslami.  
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28 40. Wanda Höltekemeyer is the mother of decedent Anke Kohlstädt and is or



1 will be appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Anke Kohlstädt, deceased.  
2 She brings this claim individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal  
3 representative of the Estate of Anke Kohlstädt, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
4 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Anke Kohlstädt, including but  
5 not limited to Rolf Höltekemeyer.  
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7 41. Brigitte Hülsmann is the sister of decedent Klaus Hülsmann and is or will  
8 be appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Klaus Hülsmann, deceased. She  
9 brings this claim individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal  
10 representative of the Estate of Klaus Hülsmann, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
11 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Klaus Hülsmann, deceased.  
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13 42. Julia Jockheck, Michaela Jockheck and Korinna Walther are the daughters  
14 of decedent Manfred Jockheck and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of  
15 the Estate of Manfred Jockheck, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons  
16 who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Manfred Jockheck,  
17 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful  
18 death of Manfred Jockheck, including but not limited to Werner Jockheck.  
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20 43. Susanne Klüh is the surviving spouse of decedent Stefan Klüh. Annemarie  
21 Klüh is the mother of decedent Stefan Klüh. They are or will be appointed as personal  
22 representatives of the Estate of Stefan Klüh, deceased. They bring this claim  
23 individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the  
24 Estate of Stefan Klüh, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
25 the wrongful death of Stefan Klüh.  
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1           44.     Herbert Koch and Anne Koch are the parents of Marleen Koch and are or  
2 will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Marleen Koch, deceased.  
3 They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal  
4 representatives of the Estate of Marleen Koch, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
5 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Marleen Koch, including but  
6 not limited to Maren Koch and Frederike Koch.  
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8           45.     Günter Kohlstädt and Ursula Kohlstädt are the parents of decedent Michael  
9 Kohlstädt and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
10 Michael Kohlstädt, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
11 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Michael Kohlstädt, deceased,  
12 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
13 Michael Kohlstädt, including but not limited to Ralph Kohlstädt and Gabriele Löchel.  
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15           46.     Mark Kevin Kohlstädt and Emily Lara Kohlstädt, a minor, are the children  
16 of decedents Michael Kohlstädt and Anke Kohlstädt. Gabriele Löchel is the guardian of  
17 minor Emily Lara Kohlstädt. Mark Kevin Kohlstädt is or will be appointed as personal  
18 representative of the Estates of Micheal Kohlstädt, deceased, and Anke Kohlstädt,  
19 deceased. Mark Kevin Kohlstädt brings this claim individually, as a person who is or  
20 will be appointed personal representative of the Estates of Michael Kohlstädt, deceased,  
21 and Anke Kohlstädt, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
22 from the wrongful deaths of Michael Kohlstädt and Anke Kohlstädt. Gabriele Löchel  
23 brings this claim on behalf of Emily Lara Kohlstädt, a minor.  
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28           47.     Karl Korolczuk and Danuta Korolczuk are the parents of decedent Maik

1 Korolczuk and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Maik  
2 Korolczuk. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
3 personal representatives of the Estate of Maik Korolczuk, and on behalf of all eligible  
4 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Maik Korolczuk, including but  
5 not limited to Astrid Korolczuk.  
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7 48. Emil Kraus and Elisabeth Kraus are the parents of decedent Peter Kraus  
8 Heinz and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Peter  
9 Kraus Heinz, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
10 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Peter Kraus Heinz, deceased, and on  
11 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Peter  
12 Heinz Kraus.  
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15 49. Joachim Lehmann is the father of Diana Lehmann and is or will be  
16 appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Diana Lehmann, deceased. He  
17 brings this claim individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal  
18 representative of the Estate of Diana Lehmann, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
19 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Diana Lehmann, including but  
20 not limited to Deborah Lehmann and Sarah Brouwer.  
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23 50. Esther Lopez Llopis is the surviving spouse of Dirk Oppenau. Gina  
24 Oppenau Lopez and Noel Oppenau Lopez are the children of Dirk Oppenau. Gertrud  
25 Gehlen is the mother of Dirk Oppenau. They are or will be appointed as personal  
26 representatives of the Estate of Dirk Oppenau, deceased. They bring this claim  
27 individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the  
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1 Estate of Dirk Oppenau, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
2 arising from the wrongful death of Dirk Oppenau, including but not limited to Hans-  
3 Gunther Oppenau.  
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5 51. Karl Ludwig is the father of decedent Bettina Ludwig and is or will be  
6 appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Bettina Ludwig, deceased. He brings  
7 this claim individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal representative of  
8 the Estate of Bettina Ludwig, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of  
9 claims arising from the wrongful death of Bettina Ludwig.  
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11 52. Andreas Lütkenhaus and Kirsten Lütkenhaus are the parents of decedent  
12 Paula Lütkenhaus and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
13 Paula Lütkenhaus, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
14 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Paula Lütkenhaus, deceased,  
15 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
16 Paula Lütkenhaus, including but not limited to Simon Lütkenhaus, Anna Lütkenhaus,  
17 Johannes Lütkenhaus and Luise Lütkenhaus.  
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20 53. Dominik Marcol is the surviving spouse of decedent Maria de Paplo Nuno.  
21 Consuelo de Nuno Carazo is the mother of decedent Maria de Paplo Nuno. They are or  
22 will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Maria de Paplo Nuno,  
23 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
24 personal representatives of the Estate of Maria de Paplo Nuno, deceased, and on behalf of  
25 all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Maria de Paplo  
26 Nuno, including but not limited to Javier de Paplo Nuno and Belinda de Paplo Nuno.  
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1           54. Sharon Anne Matthews is the surviving spouse of decedent Martyn  
2 Matthews and is or will be appointed personal representative of the Estate of Martyn  
3 Matthews, deceased. She brings this claim individually, as personal representative of the  
4 Estate of Martyn Matthews, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
5 arising from the wrongful death of Martyn Matthews. Nathan Luke Matthews is the son  
6 of decedent Martyn Matthews. Jade Matthews is the daughter of decedent Maryn  
7 Matthews. Iris Matthews is the mother of decedent Martyn Matthews. They bring this  
8 claim individually and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the  
9 wrongful death of Martyn Matthews.  
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12           55. Christine Maue is the mother of decedent Claudia Diemer. Beate Maue is  
13 the sister of decedent Claudia Diemer. They are or will be appointed as personal  
14 representatives of the Estates of Jürgen Diemer, deceased, and Claudia Diemer, deceased.  
15 They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be personal representative  
16 of the Estate of Jürgen Diemer, deceased, and Claudia Diemer, deceased, and on behalf  
17 of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful deaths of Claudia Diemer  
18 and Jürgen Diemer, including but not limited to Angelika Rathofer and Marlies Ball.  
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21           56. Anna Maria Gallego is the mother of minor Ann-Kathrin Medrano Gallego,  
22 daughter of decedent Luis Eduardo Medrano Aragon, and is or will be appointed as the  
23 personal representative of the Estate of Luis Eduardo Medrano Aragon, deceased. She  
24 brings this claim individually, as natural parent of minor Ann-Kathrin Medrano Gallego,  
25 as a person who is or will be appointed personal representative of the Estate of Luis  
26 Eduardo Medrano Aragon, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
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1 arising from the wrongful death of Luis Eduardo Medrano Aragon;

2           57. Heide Meurer and Bernd Koch are the parents of decedent Lutz Koch and  
3 are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Lutz Koch, deceased.  
4 They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal  
5 representatives of the Estate of Lutz Koch, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
6 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Lutz Koch.  
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8           58. Udo Meyer and Ruth Meyer are the parents of decedent Stefan Meyer and  
9 are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Stefan Meyer,  
10 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
11 personal representatives of the Estate of Stefan Meyer, deceased, and on behalf of all  
12 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Stefan Meyer,  
13 including but not limited to Frank Meyer and Jessica Meyer.  
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15           59. Frank Noack and Jana Noack are the parents of decedent Juliane Noack and  
16 are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Juliane Noack,  
17 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
18 personal representatives of the Estate of Juliane Noack, deceased, and on behalf of all  
19 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Juliane Noack.  
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21           60. Carolin Oelrich and Chistine Oelrich are the daughters of decedents  
22 Andreas Oelrich and Kerstin Oelrich and are or will be appointed as personal  
23 representatives of the Estates of Andreas Oelrich, deceased, and Kerstin Oelrich,  
24 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
25 personal representatives of the Estates of Andreas Oelrich, deceased, and Kerstin Oelrich,  
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1 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful  
2 deaths of Andreas Oelrich and Kerstin Oelrich, including but not limited to Claudia  
3 Rautenberg and Wolfgang Oelrich.  
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5 61. Hilde Oelrich is the mother of decedent Andreas Oelrich, and she brings  
6 this claim individually and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
7 the wrongful death of Andreas Oelrich.  
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9 62. Günter Olthoff and Heidi Olthoff are the parents of decedent Geert Olthoff  
10 and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Geert Olthoff,  
11 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
12 personal representatives of the Estate of Geert Olthoff, deceased, and on behalf of all  
13 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Geert Olthoff,  
14 including but not limited to Frank Olthoff.  
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16 63. Pawel Pracz is the surviving spouse of decedent Marina Bandres Lopez-  
17 Belio and the father of decedent Julian Pracz-Bandres. He is or will be appointed  
18 personal representative of the Estates of Marina Bandres Lopez-Belio, deceased, and  
19 Julian Pracz-Bandres, deceased. He brings this claim individually, as a person who is or  
20 will be appointed personal representative of the Estates of Marina Bandres Lopez-Belio,  
21 deceased, and Julian Pracz-Bandres, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries  
22 of claims arising from the wrongful death of Marina Bandres Lopez-Belio and Julian  
23 Pracz-Bandres.  
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27 64. Herman Püntmann and Annemarie Püntmann are the parents of decedent  
28 Ann-Kathrin Püntmann and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the

1 Estate of Ann-Kathrin Püntmann, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as  
2 persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Ann-  
3 Kathrin Püntmann, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising  
4 from the wrongful death of Ann-Kathrin Püntmann, including but not limited to Kai  
5 Püntmann, Jana Püntmann and Carina Püntmann.  
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7 65. Klaus Radner is the father of decedent Maria Radner and is or will be  
8 appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Maria Radner, deceased. He brings  
9 this claim individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal representative of  
10 the Estate of Maria Radner, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of the  
11 claims for the wrongful death of Maria Radner, including but not limited to Anna Radner  
12 and Bozidar Radner.  
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15 66. Gladys Razo and Saturnino Ajón Tirado are the parents of decedent Daniela  
16 Ajón Razo and are are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
17 Daniela Ajón Razo, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
18 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Daniela Ajón Razo, deceased,  
19 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
20 Daniela Ajón Razo.  
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23 67. Dirk Rogge and Anne Rogge are the parents of Fabio Rogge and are or will  
24 be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Fabio Rogge, deceased. They  
25 bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal  
26 representatives of the Estate of Fabio Rogge, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
27 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Fabio Rogge.  
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1           68.    Mayuko Sato is the surviving spouse of decedent Junichi Sato and the  
2 mother of minors Ren Sato and Nanoka Sato, the children of decedent Junichi Sato.  
3 Mayuko Sato is or will be appointed personal representative of the Estate of Junichi Sato,  
4 deceased. Mayuko Sato brings this claim individually, on behalf of minors Ren Sato and  
5 Nanoka Sato, as a person who is or will be appointed personal representative of the Estate  
6 of Junichi Sato, deceased and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from  
7 the wrongful death of Junichi Sato.  
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10           69.    Wilhelm Scheideler and Kerstin Stürzebecher are the parents of decedent  
11 Rabea Scheideler and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
12 Rabea Scheideler, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
13 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Rabea Scheideler, deceased,  
14 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
15 Rabea Scheideler.  
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18           70.    Helmut Erwin Schenk is the father of decedent Stefanie Schenk and is or  
19 will be appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Stefanie Schenk, deceased.  
20 He brings this claim individually, as a person who is or will be appointed personal  
21 representative of the Estate of Stefanie Schenk, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
22 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Stefanie Schenk, including but  
23 not limited to Andreas Schenk.  
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25           71.    Ferdinand Schmitz is the uncle of decedent Jessica Hülsmann. Sabine  
26 Röhlinger is the aunt of Jessica Hülsmann. Brigitte Hülsmann is the aunt of Jessica  
27 Hülsmann. They are or will be appointed as personal representative of the Estate of  
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1 Jessica Hülsmann, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
2 will be personal representatives of the estate of Jessica Hülsmann, deceased, and on  
3 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Jessica  
4 Hülsmann, including but not limited to Thorsten Peters.  
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6 72. Ludwig Schonebeck and Ulrike Schonebeck are the parents of decedent  
7 Erik Schonebeck and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
8 Erik Schonebeck, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
9 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Erik Schonebeck, deceased,  
10 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
11 Erik Schonebeck.  
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13 73. Dietrich Schützler is the surviving spouse of decedent Karin Schützler.  
14 Franziska Kusserow is the daughter of decedent Karin Schützler. Matthias Schützler is  
15 the son of decedent Karin Schützler. They are or will be appointed as personal  
16 representative of the Estate of Karin Schützler, deceased. They bring this claim  
17 individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal representatives of the  
18 Estate of Karin Schützler, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims  
19 arising from the wrongful death of Karin Schützler.  
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23 74. Rolf Schukart and Petra Schukart are the parents of decedent Lea Schukart  
24 and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of Estate of Lea Schukart,  
25 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be personal  
26 representatives of Estate of Lea Schukart, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
27 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Lea Schukart, including but not  
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1 limited to Lea Schukart.

2 75. Thomas Siebe and Marion Siebe are the parents of decedent Helena Siebe  
3 and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Helena Siebe,  
4 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
5 personal representatives of the Estate of Helena Siebe, deceased, and on behalf of all  
6 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Helena Siebe,  
7 including but not limited to Finn Siebe,  
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10 76. Danny Smailagić is the son of decedents Emira Smailagić and Fehret  
11 Smailagić and is or will be appointed personal representative of the Estates of Emira  
12 Smailagić, deceased, and Fehret Smailagić, deceased. He brings this claim individually,  
13 as a person who is or will be appointed personal representative of the Estates of Emira  
14 Smailagić, deceased, and Fehret Smailagić, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
15 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Emira Smailagić and Fehret  
16 Smailagić, including but not limited to Dulistana Habibovic and Renata Walter.  
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19 77. Michael Soblik and Gila Soblik are the parents of Larissa Soblik and are or  
20 will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Larissa Soblik, deceased.  
21 They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal  
22 representatives of the Estate of Larissa Soblik, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
23 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Larissa Soblik, including but  
24 not limited to Leonie Hering.  
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27 78. Andreas Stahl and Cornelia Stahl are the parents of decedent Sebastian  
28 Stahl and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Sebastian

1 Stahl, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
2 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Sebastian Stahl, deceased, and on  
3 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Sebastian  
4 Stahl, including but not limited to Maximilian Stahl.  
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6 79. Jürgen Strang and Dagmar Strang are the parents of decedent Steffen  
7 Strang and are or will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Steffen  
8 Strang, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
9 appointed personal representative of the Estate of Steffen Strang, deceased, and on behalf  
10 of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Steffen Strang.  
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12 80. Carlos Andres Suarez Acosta is the surviving spouse of decedent Maria del  
13 Pilar Tejada Ocampo. Marleny Concepcion Ocampo Molano and Luis Eduardo Tejada  
14 Arellano are the parents of decedent Maria del Pilar Tejada Ocampo. They are or will be  
15 appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Maria del Pilar Tejada Ocampo,  
16 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
17 personal representatives of the Estate of Maria del Pilar Tejada Ocampo, deceased, and  
18 on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Maria  
19 del Pilar Tejada Ocampo, including but not limited to Luis Andres Tejada Ocampo and  
20 Juan Pablo Tejada Ocampo.  
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23 81. Hassan Tahrioui and Fadila El Boujjoufi are the parents of decedent  
24 Mohamed Tahrioui and are or will be appointed as personal representative of the Estate  
25 of Mohamed Tahrioui, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are  
26 or will be appointed personal representative of the Estate of Mohamed Tahrioui,  
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1 deceased, and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful  
2 death of Mohamed Tahrioui, including but not limited to Lina Tahrioui.

3 82. Engelbert Tegethoff and Brigitte Tegethoff are the parents of decedent  
4 Stefanie Tegethoff and are or will be appointed personal representative of the Estate of  
5 Stefanie Tegethoff, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
6 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Stefanie Tegethoff, deceased,  
7 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
8 Stefanie Tegethoff.  
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10 83. Hans-Wolfgang Treppe and Eva-Marie Treppe are the parents of decedent  
11 Thomas Treppe and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
12 Thomas Treppe, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will  
13 be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Thomas Treppe, deceased, and on  
14 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Thomas  
15 Treppe, including but not limited to Carsten Treppe.  
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17 84. Peter Venhoff and Anke Venhoff are the parents of decedent Aline Venhoff  
18 and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Aline Venhoff,  
19 deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed  
20 personal representatives of the Estate of Aline Venhoff, deceased, and on behalf of all  
21 eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Aline Venhoff,  
22 including but not limited to Janik Venhoff and Luis Venhoff.  
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24 85. Wolfgang Voß and Brigitte Voß are the parents of decedent Jens Voß and  
25 are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Jens Voß, deceased.  
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1 They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be appointed personal  
2 representatives of the Estate of Jens Voß, deceased, and on behalf of all eligible  
3 beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Jens Voß.  
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5 86. Günter Welters and Margarete Sadlo are the parents of decedent Kristina  
6 Sadlo and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of Kristina  
7 Sadlo, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or will be  
8 appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Kristina Sadlo, deceased, and on  
9 behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of Kristina  
10 Sadlo, including but not limited to Alexandra Pabst.  
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12 87. Ludger Westermann and Silke Westermann are the parents of decedent  
13 Caja Westermann and are or will be appointed as personal representatives of the Estate of  
14 Caja Westermann, deceased. They bring this claim individually, as persons who are or  
15 will be appointed personal representatives of the Estate of Caja Westermann, deceased,  
16 and on behalf of all eligible beneficiaries of claims arising from the wrongful death of  
17 Caja Westermann.  
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20 **Defendant Airline Training Center Arizona, Inc.**

21 88. Airline Training Center Arizona, Inc. (hereinafter “ATCA”) is a  
22 corporation organized in Arizona and has its principal place of business at the Phoenix-  
23 Goodyear Airport in Goodyear, Arizona.  
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25 **BACKGROUND AND GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

26 89. At all relevant times herein, ATCA was and is a wholly-owned subsidiary  
27 of Lufthansa Flight Training GmbH (hereinafter “LFT”).  
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1           90.    At all relevant times herein, LFT was and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of  
2 Deutsche Lufthansa AG (hereinafter “Lufthansa”), also known as Lufthansa Airlines.

3           91.    Lufthansa owns and operates Germanwings, a low cost airline (rebranded  
4 since the crash as Eurowings).  
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6           92.    ATCA was organized in 1992 by LFT as a for-profit commercial airline  
7 pilot training center and flight school in the United States charged with, among other  
8 things, providing support to Lufthansa’s airline pilot flight training program and student  
9 pilot development activities.  
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11           93.    At all relevant times herein, ATCA advertises its commercial airline  
12 training services and that it provides those services to several commercial airline  
13 operators, including Lufthansa Airlines, one of the world's leading carriers.  
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15           94.    According to ATCA’s website, ATCA is training “all Lufthansa pilots” to  
16 become commercial airline pilots “for 40+ years.”  
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18           95.    At all relevant times herein, ATCA holds itself out as a “Lufthansa  
19 Company” and one of “the best” flight schools in the world and claims on its website that  
20 ATCA is a “world class pilot training facility” with “students from all over the globe”  
21 specializing in training foreign pilot candidates to become commercial airline pilots.  
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23           96.    At all relevant times herein, the primary, if not exclusive, purpose of ATCA  
24 is to select and train “only the most qualified” candidates to “fly with the best” and  
25 become commercial airline pilots.  
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27           97.    Lufthansa’s and LFT’s airline pilot training program were feeders to ATCA  
28 and all student pilot candidates who participate in the program begin their aircraft flight

1 training at ATCA.

2 98. Since its founding in 1992, ATCA knew that nearly all (98% according to  
3 ATCA statistics) of the student pilot candidates who were accepted and completed  
4 ATCA's flight training program would become commercial airline pilots, and would  
5 become part of the pool from which Lufthansa and Germanwings airline pilots would be  
6 selected for passenger-carrying commercial flights.  
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8 99. At all relevant times herein, ATCA knew that nearly all of its student pilots  
9 would become commercial airline pilots charged with the responsibility to safely  
10 transport passengers to destinations around the globe in modern aircraft with  
11 sophisticated, complex and advanced systems under stressful and demanding  
12 circumstances.  
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14 100. ATCA's President and CEO, Captain Matthias Kippenberg, addressing the  
15 "NTSB Safety Forum on Professionalism in Aviation" (May 18-20, 2010) on behalf of  
16 ATCA, affirmed ATCA's obligation as an commercial airline training center and flight  
17 school to adhere to "the highest safety standards" and "stringent [student and pilot]"  
18 selection criteria saying: "The highest level of safety standards and professionalism in  
19 airline pilot training can be achieved by a stringent selection to retain students with  
20 defined aptitudes and personality as a solid basis for comprehensive and ambitious Ab  
21 Initio Pilot Training."  
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23 101. At all relevant times herein, as articulated by CEO and President  
24 Kippenberg, ATCA has acknowledged its duty to carefully select and screen its student  
25 pilot candidates to ensure they have the requisite intelligence, disposition, temperament,  
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1 psyche and mental fitness to become reliable and safe commercial airline pilots  
2 responsible for safely transporting passengers on commercial flights.

3 102. ATCA had a duty to the flying public and to the passengers of the subject  
4 flight, to use reasonable care only to admit potential candidates into its airline flight  
5 training program who could meet the exacting standards of a commercial airline pilot and  
6 ATCA knew that an unqualified pilot posed a grave risk to the safety of the passengers.  
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8 103. At all relevant times herein, CEO and President Kippenberg stressed the  
9 need for ATCA to evaluate a student's "technical" and "interpersonal" competence at the  
10 earliest possible stage of their airline pilot flight training program.  
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12 104. At all relevant times herein, as emphasized by CEO and President  
13 Kippenberg, ATCA has acknowledged its duty to monitor its student pilot candidates  
14 during training to ensure they have the requisite personality and mental fitness to  
15 effectively communicate, work with others, handle and manage stressful situations and  
16 make correct decisions as airline pilots in order to safely transport passengers on  
17 commercial flights.  
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19 105. According to ATCA's standard operating procedures, and consistent with  
20 its acknowledged duty to have a "stringent" pilot trainee selection process and policy, all  
21 Lufthansa student pilots who applied to the ATCA airline training center in Arizona are  
22 required to obtain and present to ATCA a German Airman's Medical Certificate and a  
23 U.S. FAA Airmen's Medical Certificate as a condition of acceptance into its program and  
24 before commencement of flight training.  
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28 106. At all relevant times herein, when selecting and screening potential student

1 pilot candidates, ATCA had a duty to examine its students' medical certificates and to  
2 make certain that no applicant was accepted into its airline pilot training program who  
3 had a history of a mental or physical disability, displayed a lack of technical competence,  
4 or presented any other risk by reason of a mental or physical condition that would  
5 disqualify the candidate from performing the duties of a commercial airline pilot.  
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7 107. Upon information and belief, a purpose of obtaining two medical  
8 certificates was to ensure that no student pilot candidate would be accepted into the  
9 ATCA flight training program or be allowed to proceed to become a pilot of commercial  
10 aircraft if he had a disqualifying medical history or current mental or physical condition  
11 that would make him or her unsuited to be a commercial airline pilot and to preclude the  
12 risk that he or she would not properly, safely and reliably act in the capacity of pilot or  
13 co-pilot and cause harm to the passengers.  
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15 108. A further purpose of ATCA's two-medical-certificate requirement is to  
16 alert its employees charged with selecting, training and supervising the medical  
17 certificate holder of any limitations or restrictions, and, if there are limitations or  
18 restrictions, ascertain whether the limitations or restrictions pose a risk that the applicant  
19 may not be suited to become a safe commercial airline pilot.  
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22 109. Limitations or restrictions on an applicant's medical certificate require  
23 ATCA to exercise increased vigilance, monitoring, or supervision of the certificate  
24 holder.  
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26 110. A person with a history of reactive depression, suicidal ideations or  
27 attempted suicide is not qualified to be a pilot of a commercial airline.  
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**ANDREAS LUBITZ AND ATCA**

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2           111. On or before April, 2008, Lubitz began the process of becoming a  
3 commercial airline pilot for Lufthansa/Germanwings.  
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5           112. On or before June 2010, Lubitz began the process of applying for  
6 admission to ATCA’s airline flight training program in Arizona.  
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8           113. Upon information and belief, in order to comply with ATCA’s mandatory  
9 requirement that he obtain and present both a German and FAA medical certificate as  
10 part of his application to ATCA’s airline flight training program, Lubitz filed an  
11 application (dated June 14, 2010) with the FAA for a Third Class medical certificate.  
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13           114. Upon information and belief, on or before November, 2010, Lubitz  
14 presented both his German and FAA medical certificates to ATCA.  
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16           115. Lubitz’s German medical certificate had a special notation/restriction  
17 printed on the certificate itself, to wit “FRA 091/09 – REV”.

18           116. The notation was printed on the German medical certificate to indicate that  
19 his medical certificate would become invalid if there was a relapse or recurrence of his  
20 depression.  
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22           117. Lubitz’s FAA medical certificate did not have a notation printed on the  
23 certificate itself, but it was issued with a warning relating to his history of “reactive  
24 depression,” which “prohibited operation of an aircraft any time new symptoms or  
25 adverse changes occur or at any time medication and/or treatment is required.”  
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27           118. The World Health Organization defines depression as a “mental disorder  
28 .... [which] can be long lasting or recurrent, substantially impairing a person’s ability to

1 function at work or school, or cope with daily life, at its most severe, depression can lead  
2 to suicide.”

3 119. In light of the special notation or “red flag” on Lubitz’s German medical  
4 certificate, ATCA had a duty to determine the nature of the restrictions, conditions,  
5 limitations and warnings that applied to both of Lubitz’s medical certificates and whether  
6 Lubitz’s medical history was evidence of a lack of mental fitness and a risk of a  
7 recurrence of his mental disorders such that he should not be accepted into the airline  
8 flight training program.  
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11 120. On or before November 8, 2010, Lubitz was accepted into and began his  
12 ATCA pilot training in Arizona, completing the training on March 2, 2011.  
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14 **ATCA NEGLIGENCE**

15 121. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation heretofore set forth  
16 in this Complaint.  
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18 122. ATCA knew, should have known, or could have determined that Lubitz, at  
19 the time he presented himself for admission to ATCA, had an extensively documented  
20 history of dangerous and debilitating psychotic and depressive conditions, including  
21 reactive depression, that his treatment for those disorders included doctor-prescribed  
22 medication that prevented Lubitz from pilot training, and that the disorders were  
23 “resurgent” and “recurrent.”  
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25 123. Further, ATCA knew or should have known that Lubitz intentionally and  
26 unlawfully denied and lied about his history of mental disorders.  
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28 124. ATCA was negligent, reckless and careless in admitting Lubitz to its flight

1 school by reason of the fact that it failed to exercise the “stringent” screening standard it  
2 acknowledged constitutes the standard of care for admission to its program.

3 125. ATCA was negligent, reckless and careless and breached its duty of care to  
4 all the people who were passengers on the Lubitz-piloted Germanwings Flight 9525 in  
5 failing to recognize and investigate the reasons for German Class 1 Medical Certificate  
6 “FRA 091/09 – REV” restriction and the anomaly of the FAA’s July 2010 issuance of a  
7 Third Class medical certificate.  
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10 126. At a minimum, the FRA 091/09 – REV restriction was a red flag which put  
11 ATCA on notice that Lubitz was a problematic flight training candidate and one who  
12 required heightened, continuous and vigilant scrutiny of his mental health and suitability  
13 to become a commercial airline pilot.  
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15 127. The REV restriction made it imperative that ATCA inquire further into  
16 Lubitz’s history of medical treatment to determine whether or not the restriction was  
17 evidence of a risk to the flying public which warranted rejection of Lubitz’s request for  
18 admission to the ATCA pilot training program.  
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20 128. The crash of the subject flight and the resulting deaths of all of plaintiffs’  
21 passenger decedents on whose account this wrongful death action is brought were  
22 proximately caused by the negligent acts and omissions of defendant ATCA, by and  
23 through its officers, agents, employees and representatives, in that defendant ATCA  
24 breached its duties and failed to use appropriate and reasonable care under the  
25 circumstances in selecting, screening, admitting and training a student pilot candidate  
26 (Lubitz) to become a commercial airline pilot when ATCA knew or should have know  
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1 that he had a history of recurrent mental disorders (including reactive depression with  
2 suicidal ideations), which he knowingly concealed in order to avoid disqualification from  
3 ATCA's airline pilot flight training in the US.  
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5 129. Specifically and furthermore, ATCA was negligent, careless, or reckless  
6 and breached its duty of care in one or more of the following ways:

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- 8 a. ATCA failed to use reasonable care in selecting, screening and  
9 admitting student pilot candidate Lubitz for its airline flight training  
10 program and failed to otherwise ensure that Lubitz had the requisite  
11 mental fitness to become a reliable and safe commercial airline pilot  
12 and that he did not pose a risk to the safe transport of passengers on  
13 commercial flights.  
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  - 15 b. ATCA failed to use reasonable care in following its own "stringent"  
16 standard of care with respect to the selection and screening of pilot  
17 candidate Lubitz for its airline pilot training program.  
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  - 19 c. ATCA failed to use reasonable care to determine whether Lubitz's  
20 medical history of a severe mental disorder, including suicidal  
21 ideation, indicated a continuing lack of mental fitness and presented  
22 a risk of a recurrence or relapse which made him unqualified to be a  
23 commercial airline pilot.  
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  - 25 d. ATCA failed to recognize that the limitations, special conditions,  
26 restrictions or warnings on Lubitz's medical certificates evidenced  
27 psychological and mental disorders that posed a risk to passengers  
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1 and flight safety such that he should have been deemed unqualified  
2 to be a commercial airline pilot.

3 e. ATCA failed to examine Lubitz's medical history, application and  
4 background and was thus unable to fulfill its obligation to exercise  
5 reasonable care to determine whether Lubitz had the requisite good  
6 character, honesty, trustworthiness, skills, personality and aptitude  
7 necessary to be a safe and reliable commercial airline pilot and to  
8 determine whether he had any mental and/or physical condition  
9 which warranted rejection of his application to ATCA's airline flight  
10 training program.

11 f. ATCA failed to determine when Lubitz's anti-depressant  
12 medications were discontinued and failed to confirm that there  
13 would be no recurrence of Lubitz's severe mental disorder if his  
14 medication regime was discontinued.

15 g. ATCA failed to obtain and review Lubitz's medical records.

16 h. ATCA failed to carefully monitor Lubitz during training to ensure he  
17 had the mental fitness to effectively handle and manage the  
18 inevitable stressful situations an airline pilot would face while  
19 transporting passengers on commercial flights.

20 i. ATCA failed to monitor Lubitz to ensure that he did not exhibit  
21 symptoms which would violate the special conditions, restrictions or  
22 limitations on his medical certificates.  
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- j. Upon Information and belief, ATCA flight instructors failed to properly monitor Lubitz to insure that he did not suffer or exhibit signs or symptoms of any psychological abnormality or personality disorder that disqualified him from graduating from its airline flight training program, obtaining a pilot license, or piloting a Lufthansa or other commercial airplane with passengers.
- k. ATCA failed to discover that pilot candidate Lubitz made false statements to the FAA by denying and concealing his severe mental disorder on his FAA medical application in violation of federal regulations.
- l. Upon information and belief, ATCA failed to properly monitor and observe Lubitz’s behavior, demeanor and temperament while Lubitz was at its Arizona training facility and failed to recognize symptoms and personality traits that disqualified him from becoming a commercial airline pilot.
- m. Upon information and belief, during Lubitz's flight training at ATCA he exhibited signs and symptoms of psychological abnormalities, reactive depression and personality disorders and ATCA failed to disqualify him from obtaining a pilot license and from continuing his training to become a commercial airline pilot.

130. Had ATCA exercised due care under the circumstances and conducted a reasonably diligent inquiry into Lubitz’s medical and mental health history, ATCA would



1 have discovered that:

- 2 a. Less than two years before seeking admission to ATCA airline flight  
3 training program, Lubitz suffered psychotic and severe depressive  
4 episodes, that were triggered by the stress associated with his basic  
5 aviation academic coursework, academic workload and being away  
6 from home.
- 7 b. Lubitz suspended his academic course work because of his severe  
8 depressive disorder for nearly 10 months.
- 9 c. During the period of his “suspension” due to his severe depression,  
10 Lubitz was hospitalized and underwent nine months of extensive and  
11 intensive psychotherapy for severe depressive episodes, anxiety and  
12 suicidal ideations. Lubitz’s treatment included the use of multiple  
13 anti-depressant medications that previously disqualified him for  
14 flight training and, if taken again, would disqualify him for future  
15 flight training and piloting commercial aircraft.
- 16 d. On April 9, 2009, Lubitz was unable to obtain revalidation of his  
17 medical certificate because he was still being treated with pilot-  
18 prohibiting medications for his debilitating depressive episodes.
- 19 e. On July 14, 2009, Lubitz’s second application for revalidation of his  
20 Class 1 German medical certificate was denied because of his severe  
21 depressive disorder.
- 22 f. On July 28, 2009, Lubitz was issued a “special” Class 1 medical  
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1 certificate, which included a rare restriction on the certificate  
2 (flagged as “FRA 091/09 – REV”) stating it would become invalid if  
3 he had a relapse or recurrence of depression.  
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5 g. Lubitz was never determined by medical professionals to be entirely  
6 cured of his mental health illnesses but, at best, was deemed to be in  
7 remission.  
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9 h. On June 14, 2010, Lubitz knowingly concealed his true medical  
10 history, past medical diagnoses and lengthy treatment, including  
11 hospitalization, for multiple psychotic and mental disorders when he  
12 falsely certified on his FAA medical application that he had never  
13 “in [his] life been diagnosed with, had, or . . . presently ha[d]...  
14 ‘mental disorders of any sort, depression, anxiety, etc.’”  
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16 i. Lubitz violated 14 C.F.R. §61.59(a)(1) and 61.59(b) by reason of the  
17 fact that he knowingly and intentionally made false statements on his  
18 June 14, 2010, FAA application for a medical certificate, denying  
19 any history of “mental disorders,” thus demonstrating a lack of  
20 trustworthiness, dishonesty and a willingness to violate rules in order  
21 to conceal his recurrent mental health conditions.  
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23 j. On June 18, 2010, a doctor, not Lubitz, corrected the false statement  
24 about Lubitz’s mental disorder. The corrected application  
25 highlighted that Lubitz suffered from “reactive depression caused by  
26 a decompensation subsequent to excessive demands.”  
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1 k. On July 8, 2010, the FAA deferred granting Lubitz a Third Class  
2 medical certificate “Due to [his] history of reactive depression ...”  
3 and requested a detailed status report from his current presiding  
4 physicians.  
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6 l. The two opinion letters issued by Lubitz’s treating doctor which  
7 were submitted to the FAA in support of Lubitz’s application for a  
8 medical certificate were internally inconsistent and inadequate.  
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10 m. On July 28, 2010 the FAA medical certificate was issued with an  
11 accompanying warning that because of his history of reactive  
12 depression operation of an aircraft was prohibited if at any time new  
13 symptoms or adverse changes occur or at any time medication  
14 and/or treatment is required.  
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16 n. The FAA warning issued with Lubitz’s medical certificate  
17 recognized the potential for Lubitz to have recurrent depressive  
18 episodes.  
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20 131. Upon information and belief, no one in the employ of ATCA, nor any  
21 designee or agent of ATCA, ever determined what the “special condition(s)/restrictions”  
22 were that prompted placing the “FRA 091/09-REV” designation on Lubitz’s German  
23 medical certificate.  
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25 132. Upon information and belief, no one in the employ of ATCA, nor any  
26 designee or agent of ATCA, ever sought to determine whether Lubitz’s FAA Third Class  
27 medical certificate was issued with a warning or restrictions and what those restrictions  
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1 or warnings were.

2 133. Upon information and belief, ATCA failed to recognize the significance of  
3 the fact that Lubitz's German certificate was, on its face, flagged with a warning and the  
4 FAA certificate, on its face, was not.

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6 134. Upon information and belief, at no time did anyone in the employ of ATCA  
7 nor any designee or agent of ATCA ever make any inquiry of Lubitz or anyone else to  
8 determine the status of Lubitz' mental health, his history of depression, his depression  
9 medication history and/or whether he was taking physician-prescribed or over-the-  
10 counter medication for depression, anxiety or any other purpose.

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12 135. Upon information and belief, based upon Lubitz's history of mental  
13 disorders ATCA should not have accepted him and, as the head of Lufthansa's  
14 department of aviation psychology at the time of Lubitz's hiring at Germanwings said:  
15 "If [I] had known about [Lubitz's] medical problems with depression before starting his  
16 flying career *and during his primary training*, [I] probably would not have accepted  
17 him." (*The New York Times*, April 15, 2015) (Emphasis added).

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20 136. Despite the numerous red flags and risks raised by Lubitz's application,  
21 ATCA nevertheless breached its duty by admitting him into its airline flight training  
22 program and set him on the direct path to being a Lufthansa or Germanwings pilot.

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24 137. At the time Lubitz sought admission to ATCA, ATCA was in the best  
25 position to stop Lubitz from becoming a commercial airline pilot.

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27 138. At the very least, ATCA had constructive notice of Lubitz's recurring and  
28 debilitating psychosis, depression and suicidal ideations, and was in the best position to

1 monitor, scrutinize and evaluate Lubitz's mental health and determine whether he was  
2 mentally unfit to continue airline flight training at ATCA.

3 139. ATCA was therefore negligent, reckless and careless in failing to properly  
4 monitor Lubitz to ensure that his latent psychotic, depressive and suicidal conditions did  
5 not recur and that he was not taking medication for these conditions.  
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7 140. The foregoing failures were proximate, contributing and foreseeable causes  
8 of the deaths of the Germanwings Flight 9525 passengers because had ATCA not been  
9 negligent and careless and, indeed, exercised reasonable care in screening and monitoring  
10 Lubitz, he would not have been admitted to the ATCA program and would not have  
11 become a commercial pilot with recurring psychotic, depressive and suicidal disorders.  
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13 141. ATCA by its negligence, carelessness and recklessness enabled Lubitz to  
14 act out his suicidal mission and commit the tragic and devastating murder of all  
15 passengers on board Flight 9525.  
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### 17 **COMPENSATORY DAMAGES**

18 142. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation heretofore set forth  
19 in this Complaint.  
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21 143. For the foregoing reasons each plaintiff is entitled to recover such damages  
22 from ATCA on account of the wrongful death of their relative as will constitute full and  
23 fair compensation, to the extent the law will allow, including damages for their loss of  
24 support, loss of inheritance and accumulations, loss of love, affection, consortium,  
25 companionship, protection, comfort and guidance, loss of society, loss of mutual benefits  
26 inherent in family relationships, loss of services, each passenger's pre-impact fear of  
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