

# Airport Lawsuit Script

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<p>Plane landing Piles of paperwork</p>	<p>Think landing a jumbo jet is a complicated aviation challenge? Check out this jumbo lawsuit that's growing larger and more complex by the day.</p>
<p>More aircraft taking off, taxiing</p>	<p>It started last October, when Fort Worth tried to block Love Field expansion by suing Dallas, DFW Airport, upstart Legend Airlines, and others. Then things really took off.</p>
<p>AA plane, Southwest plane, Continental plane</p>	<p>American Airlines joined Fort Worth. Legend Airlines temporary brought in Southwest Airlines on the other side. And when Continental Express moved in, it too was snagged in the legal web spun over Love Field. DFW Airport sued Continental and American, which also planned new flights to Love.</p>
<p>McCoy courtroom  Southwest plane Airport shots</p>	<p>DFW wants Judge Bob McCoy to stop those airlines from using Love field. DFW claims Continental and American have agreements to use only DFW Airport. Judge McCoy says he will rule on the injunction before Continental begins flying to Ohio July first, that is, if he's still on the case. You see, the lawsuit with all of its attorneys has already bounced from state court to federal court and back to state court again in Fort Worth. This week, Southwest Airlines failed to get a federal judge in Dallas to step in. But there's still a motion pending to move the case to state court in Dallas.</p>
<p>Stills, Bowie painting</p>	<p>Judge McCoy, who's kin to Alamo hero Jim Bowie, has ordered all parties into mediation to try to settle their differences. If he pulls that one off, he would have been a handy man to have around back in 1836.</p>
<p>Pan across case files</p>	<p>Since Fort Worth first sued Dallas, the lawsuit has ballooned into 16 files. They include hundreds of motions and orders and requests. Judge McCoy calls it the most complicated case he's ever heard. And he's not even close to hearing the last of it. For NewsLab, I'm Deborah Potter.</p>