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OVERVIEW

Based in Pittsburgh, Thomas represents clients in product liability, toxic tort, and other complex commercial litigation. He practices from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

Thomas is one of the firm's go-to litigators for cases based in the greater Pittsburgh region, as well as in West Virginia and Ohio. With a wide variety of commercial and civil litigation experience, he's extensively familiar with the courtroom, and he's passionate about building new arguments and finding new applications of the law. Thomas is a versatile litigator who enthusiastically takes on a wide variety of cases that intersect the tristate region.

Thomas first joined the firm as a mass tort attorney, working most often on the asbestos cases that arise frequently in West Virginia and western Pennsylvania venues. However, he soon branched out into a broader array of commercial matters, including traditional product liability, employment law, white collar, breach of contract, and personal injury/premises liability defense. Given his Pittsburgh location, many of the clients Thomas works with operate in the manufacturing and technology spheres, but his priority is simply helping clients, regardless of industry or type of dispute.

Known for his focus on clients, Thomas always keeps the client's best interests at the heart of his litigation strategy. His goal is to obtain the best result possible for each specific client—and he understands that different organizations have different litigation goals. He also knows that particularly in the mass tort arena, any strategy he pursues, any outcome he achieves, or any settlement he

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Complex Torts (CXT)
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Product Liability
Toxic Tort

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negotiates can set precedent for the client nationwide, and he takes care to ensure that his efforts are in line with broader needs and goals. Thomas aims to help clients develop sustainable long-term litigation strategies, and clients comment that he leaves them feeling confident they're prepared for future disputes.

Experience

- Represent clients in mass toxic tort litigation, including attending depositions and hearings, preparing pleadings and discovery, and drafting trial preparation and settlement documents.
- Represented individuals and businesses through insurance defense coverage for personal injury, breach of contract and other related matters.
- Represented employers in workers' compensation matters.
- Represented clients in estate and business planning.
- Assisted in securing dismissal of elevator manufacturer client in product liability matter prior to dispositive motion stage in case with $8 million demand.

Education

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law
  - *magna cum laude*
  - *Duquesne Law Review*, Associate Editor
  - *Juris Magazine*, Executive Editor
- B.S., Saint Vincent College

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Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Ohio
- West Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

Thomas is associated with the Washington, DC office for telephone and mail purposes only. He is not admitted to practice in District of Columbia.

Community Leadership

Thomas volunteers with his local chapter of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization committed to serving the community. The group has been particularly active helping individuals struggling during the pandemic.

In addition, Thomas is active with local bar associations and enjoys participating in their philanthropic initiatives. In 2020, a community outreach and CLE program he organized at the Carnegie Science Center for the Allegheny County Bar Association was recognized by the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division for outstanding service to the public.

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