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OVERVIEW

Thomas is strategic and pragmatic commercial litigator.

For more than a decade, Thomas has successfully handled, at both the state and federal level, product liability, mass tort, construction defect, personal injury, and other commercial disputes. Thomas has also effectively handled all phases of appellate matters, some of which have received national attention given their precedent-setting value.

Over the past few years, Thomas has served as outside general liability counsel for a national restaurant chain, overseeing the company's general litigation portfolio. He continues to serve as lead counsel for this client - primarily in the areas of personal injury and premises liability – actively defending the client in high-exposure matters. In this capacity, Thomas addresses contract disputes between commercial entities, takes and defends party and expert depositions, develops and drafts dispositive motions, attends mediation, and directly handles all communications intended to achieve a final, cost-effective resolution of the underlying matter.

Thomas embraces the fact that he works in the service industry, meaning he places an emphasis on creating a client-centric environment driven by assertive communication and the development of a tailored legal strategy.

Industry

Real Estate, Development, & Construction

Services

Commercial Litigation

Hospitality

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Experience

- Serves as general liability counsel for corporate entity operating over 400 restaurants nationwide.
- Briefed and presented oral argument to the Utah Supreme Court, resulting in a favorable appellate opinion.
- Successfully resolved construction defect matters through informal settlement negotiations and at mediation.
- Drafted successful motions for summary judgment based on the Colorado Construction Defect Action Reform Act (CDARA).
- Drafted appellate brief filed in Colorado Court of Appeals resulting in affirmation of trial court's dismissal of claims against individual clients.
- Managed product liability portfolio involving 300-plus medical device cases filed in multidistrict litigation (MDL) proceedings.

Recognition

- National Trial Lawyers, Top 40 Under 40
- UW-Madison Law School Top Performance Award, Professional Responsibilities/Ethics

Education

- J.D., University of Wisconsin Law School
- B.S., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
 - *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Colorado
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

Community Leadership

- The Hangout, former Board Member
- American Constitutional Society Denver Chapter, former Board Member
- Court Mediation Services, Volunteer Mediator