



Thomas S. Jones

partner

As a partner and co-chair of the firm's Corporate & Internal Investigations Practice Group, as well as a member of the firm's Directing Partners Committee, Tom brings 30 years of experience in complex litigation and trial work. His practice focuses in bet-the-company litigation, securities matters, board-level disputes and corporate investigations, as well as arbitration, trial and appellate matters. He has represented a range of global and domestic clients across industries, including education, finance, energy, natural gas, logistics, telecommunications, manufacturing, coatings, aviation and transportation.

Tom has served as the lead or co-lead attorney in a significant number of trial matters, arbitrations and evidentiary hearings.

As a seasoned litigator who spent the first 25 years of his career with two major, international law firms, Tom has served as counsel in dozens of litigation matters, including corporate acquisition, securities fraud, shareholder and derivative actions, energy, appellate, qui tam, toxic torts, valuation and disposition of securities and commercial disputes. He has also conducted internal investigations into allegations of corporate misconduct, challenged the application of novel science in the courtroom and served as counsel of record in appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court and in multiple United States Courts of Appeals.

Prior to entering private practice, Tom served as a law clerk to the Honorable William D. Hutchinson on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented natural gas exploration and production company in multiple arbitrations and trial court matters related to challenges to administration of joint venture.

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EDUCATION

The College of William and Mary,
Marshall Wythe School of Law,
J.D., 1992 (Order of the Coif)

The College of William and Mary,
B.A. Philosophy and Government,
1989

SERVICES

Corporate & Internal Investigations

Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- Appellate and Supreme Court practice
- Product liability
- Securities litigation
- Transportation and logistics

Energy

Business Competition, Advice & Litigation

Cannabis

- Represented national transportation and logistics provider in dispute related to multi-million dollar breach of contract claim.
- Represented former officers of public company in multi-million dollar claim challenging management decisions and receipt of employment payments.
- Represented family office with respect to claims related to mismanagement of invested funds.
- Obtained dismissal of claim against international energy provider in matter related to property ownership.
- Represented proprietary education company in defense of qui tam case asserting multi-billion dollar loss.
- Obtained \$126 million trial verdict on behalf of telecommunications company incident to sale of enterprise.
- Represented executive officers in sale of majority interests in \$25 million medical education company with respect to disposition transaction.
- Obtained dismissal of multiple derivative cases under Pennsylvania law alleging mismanagement of publicly-traded entity.
- Obtained dismissal of securities fraud action on preliminary motions alleging violations of federal securities law.
- Successfully represented natural gas producer in defense of challenge to operations and issuance of zoning permits.
- Serving as pro bono counsel, won an injunction freeing a client who had been kept in solitary confinement for 36 years.
- Acted as counsel of record in 35 securities fraud, derivative and corporate governance matters.
- Represented international coatings manufacturer in matters relating to claims of toxic exposure to heavy metals.
- Obtained complete dismissal with prejudice on initial motion on behalf of natural gas exploration and production company of multi-count complaint filed by former lessor of oil and gas rights in Pennsylvania state court, alleging claims of breach of contract, fraud, conversion and unjust enrichment.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

PRESENTATIONS

- “How to Approach an Internal Investigation,” Cincinnati Association of Corporate Counsel of America, October 2020
- “From Facts & Findings to the Final Report – How to Approach an Internal Investigation,” Porter Wright Annual Ethics & Trends in Litigation Seminar, Dec. 5, 2019
- “Preparing Your Home Team for an Internal Investigation,” Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, Oct. 4, 2019

- “Internal Investigations – Key Considerations,” Western Pennsylvania Association of Corporate Counsel of America, Sept. 10, 2019

PUBLICATIONS

- “Privilege lessons from B&N’s harassment investigation,” *Law360*, March 6, 2020
- “How to conduct a quality internal investigation,” *Chief Executive*, Sept. 25, 2019
- “The risks and benefits of internal investigations,” *Corporate Board Member*, Sept. 18, 2019

HONORS | AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers*[®], Commercial Litigation