

Thomas Lee Toone

Curriculum Vitae

Personal

Born October 28, 1947 in Kermit, Texas.
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Education

University of Texas at Austin, *Juris Doctor* (1973)
University of Texas at Austin, *Bachelor of Arts, Zoology/Pre-Med* (1970)

Work and Professional History

1980 – Present	Beer & Toone, P.C.	Trial Attorney/Shareholder
1975 – 1980	Beer & Kalyna, P.C.	Trial Attorney/Associate
1973 – 1975	State of Texas, Secretary of State	Elections Attorney
1973 – 1976	Army Reserve National Guard	Judge Advocate
1970 – 1973	State of Texas, State Senate	Committee Counsel

Bar Affiliations

1973 State Bar of Texas
1976 State Bar of Arizona
1976 U.S. District Court of Arizona
1981 U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
1982 U.S. Supreme Court

Legal Specialization

1995 – 2015 Certified by the State Bar of Arizona Board of Legal Specialization in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation

Professional Associations and Hours

Memberships

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
American College of Trial Lawyers (*Fellow*)
American Board of Trial Advocates (*President, Phoenix Chapter, 2002-2004; "Lawyer of the Year", 2015*)
Arizona's Finest Lawyers (*Member*)
Maricopa County Bar Assn. (*President 2000-2001; Board of Directors 1995-2002*)
Best Lawyers of America (*"Personal Injury Litigation – Defendant's Lawyer of the Year", 2016*)

Former Memberships

International Association of Defense Counsel
Arizona Association of Defense Counsel
Defense Research Institute
Aviation Insurance Association
Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association
National Transportation Safety Board Bar Association (*Founding Member*)
American Bar Association
Arizona Bar Association (*Fellow*)

Publication Listings

Martindale-Hubbell: rated AV since 1982
The Best Lawyers in America
"Valley's Best 125 Attorneys," Phoenix Magazine
Who's Who in American Law (Marquis)
Southwest Super Lawyers 2007-2011 (Personal Injury Defense and ADR)
Best of the U.S.

Teaching Positions

Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy (Western Region)
Faculty, Crash Survival Investigation Advanced Course (Tempe, Arizona)
Faculty, 2000 IADC Trial Academy (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Professional Appointments

1989 – Present	Judge Pro Tempore, Maricopa County Superior Court
1989 – Present	Served as court-appointed settlement judge and/or as private mediator or arbitrator in over 3,300 cases

Practice Experience

Practice and non-jury trials for wrongful death, personal injury and property damages, including claims involving aircraft crashes (commercial and private airplanes, gliders, ultralights, helicopters, balloons), airport and airline liability, products liability, pesticides, bailment and contract disputes, auto accidents, and insurance coverage/bad faith litigation. Litigation experience in professional malpractice (medical practitioners, insurance agents and adjusters), toxic torts, real estate and commercial transactions, premises liability, bankruptcies and receivership proceedings, and administrative law, primarily dealing with FAA enforcement proceedings. Appellate practice experience before Arizona Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Appointed as judge pro tempore of the Maricopa County Superior Court since 1989. Served as settlement judge, arbitrator or mediator in over 3,300 cases in Maricopa County.

Community Involvement

Verde Vaqueros of Scottsdale (Trial Ride charity group)
President 1991-1992, 2000-2001
Sheriff's Mounted Posse of Maricopa County
Member