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EDUCATION

- Southern Illinois University
School of Law, J.D., 1979
- Southern Illinois University, B.S.
in Administration of Justice, 1976

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- Illinois USDC, Central District
- Illinois USDC, Northern District
- Illinois USDC, Southern District
- Missouri USDC, Eastern District
- US Ct Appeals, 7th Circuit
(Covers IL, IN, WI)
- US Ct Appeals, 8th Circuit
(Covers AR, IA, MN, MO, NE,
ND, SD)
- US Supreme Ct

AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Railroad
Trial Counsel
- Illinois Association of Defense
Trial Counsel
- Illinois Bar Association
- Missouri Bar Association
- St. Clair County Bar Association
- BAMSL
- Member, Trial Law Institute
- Member, Diversity Law Institute
- Barrister, Order of Centurions

Tom has achieved significant results for clients facing major litigation in state and federal courts across the region. He has tried in excess of 200 civil jury trials as lead attorney and led successful appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th and 8th Circuits, Illinois Supreme Court, Illinois Appellate Court for the 1st, 4th and 5th Districts and Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern and Southern Districts.

Tom serves as primary trial counsel for railroads in personal injury suits filed in high-risk jurisdictions throughout Missouri and Illinois. He taps his extensive knowledge of railroad operations to lead an aggressive defense of cases filed under FELA and railroad grade crossing litigation. His track record of defense verdicts and successful settlements has made him a go-to attorney for railroads facing serious injury or fatality claims across the Midwest.

Over his 40-year career, he has built solid relationships with judges and opposing counsel in the area. Outside the railroad industry, Tom has defended medical and construction companies in personal injury litigation. He also represents clients in product liability claims.

A faculty member and former chair of the Illinois Defense Counsel Trial Academy, Tom is a speaker on trial strategy and techniques in programs led by the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel.

Industries

- Railroad
- Product Liability
- Personal Injury

Recognitions

- American College of Trial Lawyers

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2000-Present
- Walker & Williams, P.C. Partner, 1986-2000 Associate, 1981-1986
- Mitchell, Brandon & Schmidt Associate, 1979-1981
- Fellow
- Litigation Counsel of America
 - Senior Fellow
- Named Lawyer of the Year for Railroad Law in St. Louis by Best Lawyers, (BL Rankings) 2015
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America, (by BL Rankings) 2008-2023
- Listed in Illinois Super Lawyers, (by Thomson Reuters) 2008-2022
- Union Pacific Railroad
 - Outstanding Service Award, 2014