

THOMAS W. BROWN

Thom Brown is a 1980 graduate of the night school program at Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College. He is admitted to practice before all Oregon and Washington courts, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Thom served as a clerk to Judge William L. Richardson of the Oregon Court of Appeals (1980-81), and his practice focuses on arbitration and mediation, appeals, insurance coverage, professional liability defense. From 1994-2010, Thom was his firm's managing partner.

Thom's been "AV" rated by Martindale Hubbell since 1985. In 2000, Thom was selected as fellow in the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. In 2008, Thom was selected as a fellow in the Honorary Trial Society of Litigation Counsel of America, and he has also been selected for The Best Lawyers in America (Appellate Practice (2006-17) and Insurance Law (2010-17), Benchmark: Appellate (Ninth Circuit 2012-13), and as an Oregon Super Lawyer (Appellate Practice (2006-17)). Thom has been recognized by his peers through Best Lawyers in America as "2014 Portland, Oregon Lawyer of the Year: Appellate Practice," "2015 Portland, Oregon Lawyer of the Year: Insurance", and "2017 Portland, Oregon Lawyer of the Year: Insurance."

Thom is involved in many professional activities related to his practice areas, law practice management, and professionalism, including ALFA International, The Global Legal Network (Board 2008-2011; Insurance Practice Group Vice-Chair 2009-13 and Chair 2013-15; Law Practice Management Group Chair 2005-2007); Multnomah Bar Association (MBA) Board of Directors (President 2007-08); MBA Managing Partners' Roundtable (Co-Chair 2001-06); Oregon State Bar (OSB) Appellate Process Review Committee (Member, 2003-04), Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism (Member 2000-2004); MBA Professionalism Committee (Co-Chair 1999-2000); OSB Appellate Practice Section Executive Committee

(Chair 2001-02); Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Amicus Committee (Member 1989-2001); Oregon Rules of Appellate Procedure Committee (Member 1994-2000); and OSB Law Practice Management Section Executive Committee (Chair 1995-96). In 2013, Thom received the MBA's Professionalism Award, which is the organization's highest honor and recognizes lawyers who exemplify the standards set forth in the MBA Professionalism Statement.

Thom has participated in arbitrations and mediations as an attorney throughout his career. He began serving as a neutral over 20 years ago.

Thom has handled over 55 mediations for the Oregon Court of Appeals appellate settlement program covering a wide range of legal disputes. He has also mediated over 30 cases through private retention, and is an approved mediator for the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, The State of Oregon Environmental Claims Mediation Program, and for the Oregon State Bar Fee Dispute Resolution Program.

Thom has handled approximately 30 arbitrations through Arbitration Service of Portland and the three metropolitan area circuit courts. He recently became an approved arbitrator for commercial cases nationwide through the American Arbitration Association.

On appointment by the Oregon Supreme Court, Thom serves each month as a Circuit Court pro tem judge hearing and deciding motions for summary judgment covering a very wide range of civil disputes and issues.

Through wide-ranging and long practice experience, long time involvement in firm management, frequent leadership of professional organizations, and significant work as a neutral and pro tem judge, Thom has the skill, background, experience, and temperament to fairly and efficiently resolve all kinds of civil legal disputes as an arbitrator and to facilitate the resolution of all kinds of civil legal disputes as a mediator.