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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 courts, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, 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, and professional liability defense. From 1994-2010, Thom was his firm's managing partner. Presently, he is special counsel to his firm.

In 2000, Thom was elected a 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 (2006-21) and Insurance Law (2010-21), Benchmark: Appellate (Ninth Circuit 2012-13), and as an Oregon Super Lawyer (Appellate Practice (2006-16); Alternative Dispute Resolution (2017-). Thom's been "AV" Preeminent rated by Martindale Hubbell since 1985. In 2013, he received the Multnomah Bar Association'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 was designated by Best Lawyers In America as the 2014 "Portland, Oregon Best Lawyer of the Year: Appellate Practice" and 2015, 2017 and 2019 "Portland, Oregon Best Lawyer of the Year: Insurance."

Thom is or has been involved in many professional activities related to his practice areas, law practice management, ADR, 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) Fee Dispute Mediation Task Force (2016-17); OSB ADR Executive Committee (Member 2013-); OSB Appellate Process Review Committee (Member, 2003-04), Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism (Member 2000-2004); MBA Professionalism Committee (Co-Chair 1999- 22000); 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). He recently authored the chapter on mediation confidentiality in private dispute mediations for ADR in Oregon (2019). Thom also is or has been actively involved in the Classroom Law Project (Board Chair 2003-2005), the Lewis & Clark Law School Board of Visitors (Member 2004-14), and the Multnomah Bar Foundation Board of Directors (Secretary/Treasurer 2013).

Thom began arbitrating and mediating cases as a neutral over 20 years ago. He 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, including business disputes, personal injury disputes, and complex insurance coverage and failure to procure insurance disputes. Thom is an approved mediator for the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, the Oregon Environmental Claims Mediation Program established by the Oregon Legislature, and the OSB Fee Dispute Program.

Thom currently serves as an arbitrator for cases administered through American Arbitration Association, Arbitration Service of Portland, an approved arbitrator for court-annexed arbitration cases in Multnomah County, and is a volunteer neutral for or fee disputes filed with the OSB, and both an arbitrator and hearings officer through the American Health Law Association. In those roles, he has arbitrated over 50 cases involving a wide variety of civil disputes and presided over several physician conduct hearings.

On appointment by the Oregon Supreme Court, as a Circuit Court pro tem judge, Thom monthly hears motions for summary judgment in civil cases. During the course of his service, Thom has heard over 175 motions involving a wide variety of claims and issues.

Through wide-ranging practice and related professional experience, Thom has the skill, background, experience, judgment, and temperament to resolve all kinds of legal disputes as an arbitrator and hearing officer or to meaningfully assist parties in the resolution of all kinds of legal disputes as a mediator.

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