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OVERVIEW

Tom is a fellow of The Pepper Center for Public Service and vice-chair of its board. The Pepper Center draws on the talents of the firm's retired partners and senior attorneys to wrestle with tough problems facing our communities. Through the Center, these attorneys study, analyze, and work to resolve problems that affect the lives of people in our communities.

Tom's practice was predominantly in civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels. Notably, he was a member of the plaintiffs' trial team in *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*, which successfully challenged teaching "Intelligent Design" in public schools.

Tom continues to be involved in pro bono matters, including a constitutional challenge by the Women's Law Project to restrictions on Medicaid coverage for abortions; co-counseling with the Pennsylvania Innocence Project in several cases; and serving as vice chancellor in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

AWARDS

- Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer (2022-2024) – independently rated lawyers
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*
- Recipient of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project's "Hero of Justice" Award (2022)
- Recipient of the 2017 McCormick Medal, Harrisburg Academy
- Recipient of the Thaddeus Stevens Champion Award from the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia (2013)
- Recipient of Pepper Hamilton's William R. Klaus Pro Bono Award (2008)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Committee on Rules of Evidence, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, since October 2020
- Adjunct instructor of "Innocence and Wrongful Convictions," Dickinson School of Law
- Board member, Harristown Development Corporation

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- Board member, PennFuture

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Interim general counsel, Hershey Trust Company, July 2022 – August 2023
- Administrative assistant to the Attorney General of Pennsylvania (1970-1974)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Penn State Dickinson Law, J.D., 1974
- Boston College, B.A., 1968

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

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