

## N. Thomas Connally, III

Partner

Northern Virginia

### Biography

Tom Connally, Practice Leader for Americas Litigation, is a leading trial lawyer representing businesses and individuals in complex commercial litigation, with extensive experience in handling cases in regulated industries.

Tom has tried and won all manner of substantial cases involving breach of contract, fraud, and other business torts. He handles disputes for companies in the technology, government contracts, satellite, aerospace, communications, media, energy, automotive, aviation, pharmaceutical, health care, and real estate industries, as well as important matters for associations, colleges, and universities.

Clients have commented to Chambers USA that Tom is "extremely smart," "superb at litigation strategy," and "excellent at oral argument," and praised Tom's "creativity and ability to think outside the box," reporting Tom "was extremely effective in managing his team, developing a strategy, building the case within that strategy, thinking on his feet, handling our witnesses and our opponent's witnesses, and getting the point across to the jury."

His work includes high-profile disputes for technology companies and government contractors involving subcontracts, joint ventures, and teaming agreements. Tom handles disputes in the satellite industry involving international joint ventures, launch contracts, and capacity and equipment agreements.



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### Practices

Corporate and Securities Litigation  
Litigation Services  
Space and Satellite  
Technology Litigation

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### Industries

Aerospace and Defense  
Real Estate  
Education  
Technology and Telecoms

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### Areas of focus

Class Actions and Group Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation and Disputes

Tom defends public companies and their officers and directors in shareholder, antitrust, and securities litigation, and represents public and private entities and individuals in corporate, LLC, and partnership control disputes.

Tom leads the firm's Commercial Litigation practice across the United States, Mexico, and Brazil. He has served as the Managing Partner of the firm's Northern Virginia office, and as a member and past co-chair of the firm's Legal Ethics Committee. Tom has served as President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Association.

## Representative experience

Won three-week Eastern District of Virginia patent jury trial for major international chemistry conglomerate in dispute over technology to obtain health-critical omega-3 fatty acids from crop plants.

Won a US\$385m jury trial for Orbital ATK over a joint venture to market Orbital ATK's mission extension vehicle, a spacecraft built to extend the lives of geostationary satellites.

Obtained emergency injunction extending Virginia voter registration by two days after Department of Elections website failed on the final day to register for the 2020 general election.

Won jury verdict for the defense in LLC control dispute over wealth management company, defeating derivative claims for breach of fiduciary duty, loyalty, and LLC operating agreement.

Successful representation of agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia in litigation over a US\$2.6bn contract outsourcing the information technology services of the state government.

Successful defense of REITs accused of breaching right of first offer for office complex in US\$1.4bn real estate portfolio transaction.

Media and Entertainment Litigation

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 1993

B.A., University of Virginia, with distinction, 1990

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### Memberships

Past president, Federal Bar Association, Northern Virginia Chapter

Past member, Board of Governors, Virginia Bar Association

Member, Arlington County Bar Association

Member, Fairfax County Bar Association

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Virginia

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### Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

Won dismissal of a high-profile wrongful death claim asserted against the third-party administrator of a state employee health plan.

Won substantial verdict, including US\$3.3m in punitive damages, for pro bono client against perpetrators of a "pre-foreclosure" scam.

Won trial of online news feed royalty dispute in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Won appeal to the 4th Circuit sustaining the dismissal of a False Claims Act case against a state student loan authority.

Won an appeal in the Virginia Supreme Court on statute of limitations issues for the American Physical Therapy Association.

Successful representation of the Holy See in licensing dispute regarding the reproduction rights for Vatican treasures and works of art.

Successful handling of claims involving subcontracts, teaming agreements and joint ventures for government contractors in state and federal courts.

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia

U.S. Supreme Court

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## Awards and rankings

- Litigation: General Commercial (Virginia) -- Band One, 2018-22, *Chambers USA*, 2008-2022
- Business Litigation, *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2010-2019
- Business Litigation, *Virginia Super Lawyers*, 2010-2019, 2021
- Top Attorneys in Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers Business Edition*, 2014-2018
- Legal Elite, Civil Litigation, *Virginia Business magazine*, 2014-2016

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - Proof in Trial: Appellate Edition: Stand Up for California et al. v. U.S. Department of the Interior et al.

- News
  - Proof in Trial: Appellate Edition: Integra Med Analytics LLC et al. v. Providence Health & Services et al.
- News
  - Proof in Trial: Appellate Edition: Holmes v. Winter
- News
  - Hogan Lovells advises Michele Kang on acquisition of controlling interest in Washington Spirit soccer franchise
- Awards and Rankings
  - Hogan Lovells trial team named Law360 Trials Group of the Year
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - ABA Webinar – What do counsel and mediators (really) want from each other