

CURRICULUM VITAE

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OFFICE INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

THOMAS LAW OFFICES, PLLC (January 2011 – Current)
ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE (October 2000 – January 2008)

Practice limited to civil litigation on behalf of both individuals and businesses as Plaintiffs in a wide variety of matters including, motor vehicle and trucking accidents, medical malpractice, accounting and auditing malpractice, products liability, mass tort litigation, class actions and other serious personal injury matters.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY ATTORNEY GENERAL (APRIL 2008-DEC. 2010)

Serve as one of the Attorney General's three most senior advisors on all matters related to the functions of the office, litigation and policy. Responsible for overseeing the operations of four divisions including the Office of Civil and Environmental Law, Office of Consumer Protection, Office of Rate Intervention and Office of Medicaid Fraud. These divisions, which consisted of more than 100 attorneys, staff and investigators, handled all civil matters and many criminal prosecutions. In addition, personally handled major litigation on behalf of the Attorney General appearing in courts across the Commonwealth, the Kentucky Court of Appeals, the Kentucky Supreme Court and a number of federal trial court and courts of appeals.

**ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
OFFICE OF THE KENTUCKY ATTORNEY GENERAL (JAN. 2008-AUG. 2010)**

Managed a team of 45 attorneys and support staff divided into six branches, including Litigation, Environmental, Boards and Agencies, Administrative Hearings, Uninsured Employers Fund and Opinions. The division was responsible for representing the Attorney General in all cases in which he was a party, representing the Commonwealth in trial and appellate courts, providing general counsel services to state boards and agencies and representing those boards and agencies in civil litigation. The division was also responsible for defending state statutes challenged on constitutional grounds, ruling on open records and open meetings appeals, issuing opinions of the Attorney General and representing the Commonwealth in litigation tied to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

EDUCATION

**SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW
Northern Kentucky University
Juris Doctorate (cum laude) 2000**

**GEORGETOWN COLLEGE
Georgetown, Kentucky
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1997**

BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court (2005)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2005)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2009)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2009)
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky (2000)
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (2006)
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky (2000)
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (2009)
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma (2009)
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana (2010)
Commonwealth of Kentucky Trial and Appellate Courts (2000)
State of New York Trial and Appellate Courts (2008)

Admitted to numerous courts pro hac vice.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association for Justice (AAJ) formerly ATLA (2000-Current)

AAJ Board of Governors (2013–Current)
Budget Committee (2013–2015)
Executive Committee (2015-Current)
National College of Advocacy Board of Trustees (2012-Current);
Executive Committee (2013-Current)
Website and IT Advisory Committee (2012-Current)
Marketing and Practice Development Committee (2012-Current)
Law Schools Committee (2007, 2013-Current)
AAJ Press Advisory Board (2012-Current)
Membership Oversight Committee (2012-Current)
Solo and Small Firm Section (2010-Current; Education Coordinator 2011-
2012; Secretary 2012-2013; Vice-Chair 2013-2014; Chair Elect 2014-
2015; Chair 2015-Current)
AAJ Political Action Committee "M" Club (2006-2007, 2010-Current)
National Finance Council (2011-2014)
Leadership Academy (2013)
Retirement Plans Oversight Committee (2011-2012)
New Lawyers Division Board of Governors (2005-07); Publications
Committee (2005-2007), Chairperson (2006-07); Board of Governors
Committee Chairperson (2006-2007); Special Projects Committee
Chairperson (2010-2011)
Leaders Forum (2014-Current)
President's Club (2005-2007)
Convention Planning Committee (2006-07)

Kentucky Justice Association (2000-Current)

Board of Governors (2011-Current)
District Vice-President (2013-Current)
KJA Delegate to AAJ Board of Governors (2014 – Current)
Minority Caucus Delegate to AAJ (2012 – 2014)
CLE Committee (Chair, 2012 – Current)
Convention Committee (2012-Current)
Proactive Legislation Committee (2007, 2011 - Current)

Louisville Bar Association (2000-Current)

Solo and Small Firm Practice Committee (Vice-chair 2006)

Southern Trial Lawyers Association (2007-Current)

Board of Governors (2015-Current)
Parliamentarian (2016-current)

American Bar Association (2000-Current)

Kentucky Bar Association (2000-Current)

National Crime Victims Bar Association (2014-Current)

Federal Bar Association (2016-Current)

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Protective Orders: A Comprehensive Approach to stonewalling; Kentucky Justice Association, *Advocate*, Vol. 43 No. 3, May/June 2015.

All the Apps You Need for Depositions; American Justice Association, *Trial*, Vol. 51 No. 3, March 2015.

The Ethics of Social Media; Kentucky Justice Association, *Advocate*, Vol. 42 No. 4, July/August 2014.

Effective Use of Technology in the Courtroom; Kentucky Bar Association, *Bench and Bar*, Vol. 78 No. 4, July 2014.

The Ethics of Social Media; American Justice Association, *Trial*, Vol. 50 No. 1, January 2014.

Ethical Cloud Computing; Louisville Bar Association, *Bar Briefs*, October 2013.

The Ethics of Cloud Computing; Kentucky Justice Association, *The Advocate*, Vol. 40 No. 9, May/June 2013.

Top 10 iPad Apps for Lawyers; Louisville Bar Association, *Bar Briefs*, December 2012.

The Ethics of Social Media; Kentucky Justice Association, *The Advocate*, Vol. 40 No. 6, November/December 2012.

The Ethics of Cloud Computing; American Association for Justice, *Solo Small Firm Newsletter*, Vol. 18 No. 1, Winter 2012.

Mobile Technology; Kentucky Justice Association, *The Advocate*, May/June 2012.

Going Mobile; American Association for Justice, *Trial*, January 2012.

Another Thing They Didn't Teach You in Law School – Client Development; Louisville Bar Association Bar Briefs, Nov. 2007.

Truck Accident Litigation (2nd ed.) American Bar Association, Essential Actions: Preserving the Evidence, (2006).

Returning the Scales to Balance: Execution Impact Evidence In Kentucky, Northern Kentucky Law Review, Vol. 27(2) 2000, pg. 411-429.

SEMINARS GIVEN

Technology in Practice and in the Courtroom; American Association for Justice, Washington, DC, October 29-30. 2015.

The Paperless Practitioner; Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention, Lexington, KY, June 18, 2015.

iPads for Lawyers & Paraprofessionals: Set-Up, Pre-Trial & Trial; Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association/Civil Justice Foundation, Orange, CT, May 16-17, 2015.

iPads for Lawyers – From Setup To Pre-Trial and Trial; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, May 12, 2014.

iPads for Depositions; Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, Annual Convention, Eureka Springs, AR, April 30, 2015.

Intake The Works; Southern Trial Lawyers Association, Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 12, 2015.

Paperless Office: iPads and Apps for Lawyers; West Virginia Association for Justice, Charleston, WV, January 23, 2015.

Advanced Depositions College; American Association for Justice, New Orleans, LA, January 16-19. 2015.

Social Media Update: Ethical Issues in 2014; Oklahoma Association for Justice, Oklahoma City, OK, November 21, 2014.

Paperless Office: iPads and Apps for Lawyers; Oklahoma Association for Justice, Oklahoma City, OK, November 21, 2014.

The New Law Firm Model – Technology for Lawyers; Dallas County Bar Association, Dallas, TX, November 5, 2014.

iPad for Litigators; Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, KY, October 31, 2014.

Cloud Computing: Technical and Legal Ethics; American Association for Justice, Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, July 29, 2014.

Why Our Intake Works – What is it? What is the content? How to use the information?; American Association for Justice, Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, July 26, 2014.

Working with Expert Witnesses: Avoiding Pitfalls; Office of the Kentucky Attorney General, Frankfort, KY, June 13, 2014.

iPads for Lawyers & Paraprofessionals: Set-Up, Pre-Trial & Trial; Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association/Civil Justice Foundation, Orange, CT, May 16, 2014.

iPads and More: Tech for Lawyers in 2014; Ohio Association for Justice, Columbus, OH; May 8, 2014.

iPads for Lawyers – From Setup To Pre-Trial and Trial; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, February 21, 2014.

iPads for Lawyers; New Orleans Bar Association, New Orleans, LA, December 12, 2013.

iPads at Trial: Litigating Nursing Home Cases; American Association for Justice, Las Vegas, NV, November 14-15, 2013.

iPads for Lawyers, Setup, Pre-Trial and Trial; Kentucky Justice Association, Bowling Green, KY, October 22, 2013.

Trial Advocacy College: Essentials of Civil Litigation; American Association for Justice, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, October 7, 2013 to October 10, 2013.

Taking Your Office to the Cloud: Exploring the Latest Technology to Enhance Your Practice; American Association for Justice Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, July 22, 2013.

Wireless Office: The Cloud and Document Storage and Backup; American Association for Justice Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, July 20, 2013.

Technology in the Courtroom; Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention, Louisville, KY, June 20, 2013.

iPad at Trial; Tennessee Association for Justice Annual Convention, Nashville, TN, June 14, 2013.

iPad Pre-Trial (Webinar); Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, June 5, 2013.

Ethics of Social Media (Teleseminar); Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, June 5, 2013.

iPads for Lawyers & Paraprofessionals: Set-Up, Pre-Trial & Trial; Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association/Civil Justice Foundation, Orange, CT, May 17, 2013.

iPad at Trial; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, March 22, 2013.

iPads and Apps for Lawyers: Depositions and Client Meetings; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, February 22, 2013.

iPads Out of the Box – Basic iPad for Lawyers; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, January 25, 2013.

iPads 2: What’s New in Tech for Lawyers; Ohio Association for Justice, Columbus, OH; January 24, 2013.

The Ethics of Social Media and Cloud Computing; American Association for Justice “Weekend with the Stars,” New York, NY, December 7, 2012.

iPad Pre-Trial and Ethics in Social Media: Identifying the Pitfalls of the Communication Revolution; Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, Indianapolis, IN, October 18, 2012.

iPad at Trial; Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, Indianapolis, IN, October 18, 2012.

iPad for Litigators; Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, KY, September 21, 2012.

Cloud Computing: Is the Sky Really the Limit?; American Association for Justice Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, July 31, 2012.

Social Media: Identifying the Ethical Pitfalls of the Communications Revolution; American Association for Justice Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, July 29, 2012.

Paperless Office: iPads and Apps for Lawyers; American Association for Justice Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, July 29, 2012.

Social Media: Identifying the Ethical Pitfalls of the Communications Revolution; Oklahoma Association for Justice, Incline Village, NV, June 22, 2012.

Paperless Office: iPads and Apps for Lawyers; Oklahoma Association for Justice, Incline Village, NV, June 22, 2012.

Social Media: Identifying the Ethical Pitfalls of the Communications Revolution; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, June 19, 2012.

iPads at Trial; El Paso Trial Lawyers Association, El Paso, TX, June 14, 2012.

iPads at Trial; Permian Basin Trial Lawyers Association, Odessa, TX, June 13, 2012.

iPads at Trial; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, May 8, 2012.

Not Just a Toy: iPads and Other Tech for Lawyers; Ohio Association for Justice Annual Convention, Columbus, OH; May 4, 2012.

iPads and Apps for Lawyers: Depositions and Client Meetings; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, March 20, 2012.

Paperless Office: iPads and Apps for Lawyers; PILMMA Spring Marketing and Management Summit, New Orleans, LA, March 16-17, 2012.

Avoiding Ethical Traps Webinar: Opposing Counsel and the Role of Social Media; American Association for Justice, Webinar, December 19, 2011.

Social Media: Identifying the Ethical Pitfalls of the Communications Revolution; Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, KY, October 28, 2011.

Paperless Offices, iPads and Apps for Lawyers; Louisiana Association for Justice Personal Injury Conference, New Orleans, LA, September 16, 2011.

American Association for Justice Annual Convention: Litigation Track: Apps for Lawyers; American Association for Justice Annual Convention, New York, NY, July, 2011.

Using Technology in Your Practice, Paperless office – A Practical Guide to the Digital Law Firm; Kentucky Justice Association, Louisville, KY, June 12, 2011.

American Association for Justice Jazz Fest Auto Litigation Seminar: Using Technology in Your Cases/Practice: Practical Technology for the Solo Practitioner; New Orleans, LA, April 28, 2011.

Basic Training for County Attorneys: Prosecutorial Ethics, Immunity and Open Records/Open Meetings; Kentucky Prosecutor's Advisory Council, December 1, 2010.

E-Discovery for State Government Attorneys; Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, July 25, 2008.

Money Traps for Lawyers; Kentucky Bar Association, October 9, 2007.

Leveling the Playing Field: The Use of Technology in the Courtroom and the Office; Louisville Bar Association, June 15, 2007.

American Association for Justice: Litigating Trucking Cases – From Discovery to Trial: Using Black Box Data to Prove Your Theory of the Case; Caesars Las Vegas, October 20-21, 2006

American Association for Justice: Fundamentals of Trucking Litigation - Preservation of Evidence in Trucking Cases; St. Louis, MO., September 19, 2006

Starting Your Solo or Small Firm Practice, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, April 12, 2006

Negotiation: The New Art of War, Louisville Bar Association, Feb. 24, 2005

OTHER INTERESTS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Library Foundation – Louisville Free Public Library

(2006-Current; Investments and Finance Committee Jan. 2009-2014; Advocacy Committee 2014-Current)

Louisville Free Public Library Advisory Commission

(2007-2015); Executive Committee (2008-2015); Chair (Nov. 2008-Nov. 2015); Co-Chair Executive Director Search Committee (2014-15)

Kentucky Family Safety Foundation

(Board of Trustees 2015-Current)

Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board

(Chair – 2010-2011)

Friends of the Louisville Free Public Library

Executive Board (2004-2008); President (2006-2008);

Vice President (2005-2006)

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law
Guest Lecturer of Trial Practice (2010, 2011, 2012)

Louisville Bar Association Leadership Academy
Inaugural Class (2006)

Salmon P. Chase College of Law
Campaign Cabinet (2002-2004)
Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy (2000-2001)