



## Thomas "Tom" D. Allen

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Environmental and Toxic Tort
- Construction Litigation
- Catastrophic Injury
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation



### PARTNER

Over 20 years experience litigating and trying complex civil cases throughout the United States with an emphasis on products liability, toxic exposure, environmental contamination, construction defect, and trucking claims.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES/EXPERIENCE

- Served as national coordinating defense counsel for leading building products manufacturer regarding formaldehyde personal injury and property damage litigation.
- Regional trial counsel for manufacturer of products containing asbestos.
- Defense verdict in child lead poisoning case in Wayne County, Michigan.
- Numerous defense verdicts in formaldehyde personal injury litigation.
- Obtained settlement of 40 percent of mediation award and 30 percent of pre-trial demand in chemical plant explosion resulting in breach of contract and business interruption claims.
- Arbitrated minor drowning death claim for \$1.3 million with pre-trial demand of \$5 million; subsequently granted complete indemnification from co-defendant.
- Negotiated settlement of asbestos personal injury class action claim 10 percent of demand and recouped 10 percent via indemnification from co-defendants.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

- Named "Top 500 Product Liability Lawyers" by Lawdragon

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association - Products Liability, Litigation, Construction and Environmental Law Committees
- Defense Research Institute - Products Liability, Litigation, Construction and Environmental Law Committees
- Federalist Society



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#### ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- State Bar of Georgia - Products Liability, Litigation, Construction and Environmental Law Committees
- State Bar of Michigan - Products Liability, Litigation, Construction and Environmental Law Committees
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

#### EDUCATION

- B.A., *cum laude*, Oakland University, 1980
- J.D., *with honors*, Wayne State University Law School, 1983

#### SPEECHES

- "How Low Can You Go? Measuring Exposure to Benzene," Mealey's Benzene Litigation Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, with accompanying paper, "Measuring Benzene Exposure: Applying Law to the Science."
- "Toxic Mold Litigation," The Network of Trial Law Firms seminar, West Palm Beach, Florida.
- "Litigating Toxic Mold Claims," Southern Loss Association Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia.
- "Steamroller Tactics by the Plaintiff Bar: Cooperation as a Means for Handling Multi-Jurisdiction Discovery Issues," Network of Trial Law Firms, Scottsdale, Arizona.
- "Serving as an Expert Witness," American Industrial Hygiene Association, Detroit, Michigan.
- "Litigation Management," Environmental Claims Managers Association, Reno, Nevada.
- "Brownsfield Legislation and Opportunities," City of Auburn Hills, Michigan.