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Thomas R. Bopp practices in all phases of personal injury and first party property damage litigation with emphasis defending automobile and premises liability claims and representing carriers and insured in multiple competing claims cases.

Representative Experience

- Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A., Tampa, FL
Shareholder, March 1983-October 2008
- 13th Judicial Circuit, Tampa, FL
Assistant State Attorney, 1981-1983
- Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa, FL
Assistant to Legal Advisor, 1979-1980
- Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa, FL
Special Deputy Sheriff, 1977-1979

Presentations and Publications

Presentations

Mr. Bopp is a frequent speaker at seminars on vehicular liability issues to auto insurance carriers including bad faith avoidance and handling multiple competing claims cases.

- "Wrongful Death and Settlement of Minor's Claims", provided for insurance carrier client, August 2010
- "Trends in Bad Faith", Florida Liability Claims Conference, June 2010
- "Settlement Duties in Multiple Claimant Cases", provided for insurance carrier client, February 2010
- "Avoiding Bad Faith," Speaker, Rimkus Consulting Seminar, March 2008
- "Settlement Duties in Multiple Claimant Cases," Speaker, Florida Law for Insurance Professionals Seminar, October 2006

Practice Areas

Bad Faith Avoidance
Competing Claims
Personal Injury Litigation
Property Damage
Litigation

Education

J.D., Cumberland School
of Law of Samford
University, 1981 (Phi
Alpha Delta)
B.A., University of
Florida, 1978 (Florida
Blue Key Leadership
Society, Omicron Delta
Kappa Leadership
Society, Savant
Leadership Society)

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

Florida State Courts
U.S. Court of Appeals,
Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals,
Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court,
Middle District of Florida

- "Avoiding Bad Faith Claims," Speaker, GMAC Insurance Company, 2004
- "Expert Depositions," Speaker, Hillsborough County Bar Association, 2003
- "Handling & Discovery of Personal Injury Claims," Speaker, Hillsborough County Paralegal Association, 2003
- "Cross Examination of Orthopedic Surgeons," Speaker, 2000
- "Liability of Adjusters and Fire Investigators in Fire Losses," Speaker, Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention Seminar, Florida State Fire College, November 1997
- "Deciphering and Dealing with the Dreaded Workers' Compensation Lien," Speaker, The Business of Insurance in Florida - A Look at New Strategies Managing Recurrent Problems, 1995
- "Dealing with and Preventing Medical Malpractice Claims," Speaker, Hillsborough County Medical Association, 1990-1991
- "Preventing Dental Malpractice Claims," Speaker, Hillsborough County Dental Hygienist Association, 1989
- "Dealing with Dental Malpractice Claims," Speaker, Polk County Dental Association, 1988

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association: Former Self Insured and Risk Managers Committee; Former Automobile Law Committee; The Florida Bar Delegate to the ABA, 1984-1989
- The Florida Bar: Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, 1994-1997; Young Lawyers Division, 1989-1993; Board of Governors; Liaison to The Florida Bar Council of Sections for the Young Lawyers Division, 1992-1993; Chair, Newsletter Committee, 1991-1992; Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, 1991-1992; Chair, Awards Committee, 1991-1993
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
- Hillsborough County Bar Association: President, 2008-2009; Board of Directors, 1995-2008; Chair of Bench-Bar Conference; Chair of Law Week; Co-Chair of Professional Standards Committee; Co-Chair Bench-Bar Liaison Committee; Trial Lawyers section
- Tampa Bay Inns of Court: Master, 1997-2008

Community Involvement

- Forest Hills Pony Baseball: Coach, Florida State Champions 2007
- Hillsborough County Bar Foundation: Member, 2007-2008
- Jesuit's Dad's Club

Distinctions

AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

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