

## Thomas R. Bopp

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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

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

- "Duties of Carriers and Multiple Competing Claims Cases", Speaker, USAA, 2018
- "Settlement Duties in Multiple Claimant Cases", Speaker, Allstate, 2017
- "Settlement Duties in Multiple Claimant Cases", Speaker, Carolina Casualty, 2016
- "Settlement Duties in Multiple Claimant Cases", Speaker, USAA, 2016

### 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

- "Settlement Duties in Multiple Claimant Cases", Speaker, Allstate, 2016
- "New Developments In Insurance Bad Faith and Coverage", Speaker, Mercury, 2015
- "New Developments In Insurance Bad Faith and Coverage", Speaker, Allstate, 2014
- "Settlement Duties in Multiple Claimant Cases", Speaker, Nationwide and Mercury, 2013
- "Spoliation of Evidence" and "Pre-Suit Bad Faith Avoidance", Speaker, Traveler's, 2012
- "Pre-Suit Bad Faith Avoidance", Speaker, Nationwide, 2011
- "Multiple Competing Claims", Speaker, Allstate and First Acceptance, 2010
- "Wrongful Death and Settlement of Minor's Claims", Allstate, August 2010
- "Trends in Bad Faith", Florida Liability Claims Conference, June 2010
- "Settlement Duties in Multiple Claimant Cases", Allstate, February 2010

#### **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 Bar Board of Governors: 2015-2018, Vice Chair, 2018; Rules Committee, 2015-2016; Disciplinary Review Committee, 2015-2016; Designated Receiver for 13th Circuit Grievance Committee "B" and "D", 2015-2018; Judicial Screening Committee for the 2nd DCA, 2016 and 2018; Budget Committee, 2016-2018; Committee of Professional Ethics, 2016-2018; Liaison to Professional Ethics Committee, 2016-2018; Audit Committee, 2018
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association

- Hillsborough County Bar Association: Former President, 2008-2009; Former Board of Directors, 1995-2008; Former Chair of Bench-Bar Conference; Former Chair of Law Week; Former Co-Chair of Professional Standards Committee; Former Co-Chair Bench-Bar Liaison Committee; Trial Lawyers section
- Tampa Bay Inns of Court: Master, 1997-2008

#### **Community Involvement**

- Selection Committee for 13th Circuit Pro Bono Awards, 2015
- Florida Bar President's Pro-Bono Award Selection Committee: Chair, 2015-2017
- 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

**The Best Lawyers® in America**, 2011-2014, 2016-2019

**Florida Super Lawyers®**, 2013-2016