

## N. Thomas Connally, III

Office Managing Partner  
Northern Virginia

### Biography

Tom Connally 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."

His work includes high-profile disputes for technology companies and cases for government contractors involving subcontracts, joint ventures, and teaming agreements. Tom has handled disputes in the satellite industry involving international joint ventures, launch contracts, and capacity and equipment agreements. His media cases have involved network affiliation agreements, station purchase contracts, and programming rights agreements. In real estate litigation,



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### Practices

Corporate and Shareholder  
Litigation

Litigation

Space and Satellite

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### Industries

Aerospace, Defense, and  
Government Services

Real Estate

Education

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### Areas of focus

Tom has represented real estate investment trusts, limited partnerships, and developers in contract and partnership disputes.

Tom also 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 is the Managing Partner of the firm's Northern Virginia Office, and a member and past co-chair of the firm's Legal Ethics Committee. He has served as President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, where he remains on the Board of Directors. Tom also recently completed a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Association.

## Representative experience

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

Winning jury verdict for the defense in LLC control dispute, 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.

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

Winning substantial verdict, including US\$3.3m in

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Real Estate Litigation and Disputes

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

Immediate Past President, Federal Bar Association, Northern Virginia Chapter

Recent 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

punitive damages, for pro bono client against perpetrators of a "pre-foreclosure" scam.

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

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

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

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

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

## Awards and rankings

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

## Latest thinking and events

- Announcements
  - Hogan Lovells donates furniture and computer equipment to Legal Services of Northern Virginia
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Pulled from the headlines: An insider's view of

U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

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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## Accolades

"He's an excellent attorney who is very well respected. He's ... sought after to handle the kind of matters that are really significant."

*Chambers USA 2016*

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"He's highly intelligent, analytical and a great communicator"

*Chambers USA, 2019*

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"Outstanding litigator and corporate counsel."

*Chambers USA, 2019*

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## ethical issues in high-profile investigations

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells Northern Virginia office moves to state-of-the-art Boro Tower
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - CLE: Nuts and Bolts of Civil Practice in the EDVA (Part I)
- Hogan Lovells Events
  - In-house counsel and outside help: Ethical issues in dealing with advisors, agents, affiliates, and associated third parties
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - CLE: Nuts and Bolts of Civil Practice in the EDVA, Part One (Pre-Trial)