

# Thomas Lee Toone

## Curriculum Vitae

### Personal

Born October 28, 1947 in Kermit, Texas.  
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### Education

University of Texas at Austin, *Juris Doctor* (1973)  
University of Texas at Austin, *Bachelor of Arts, Zoology/Pre-Med* (1970)

### Work and Professional History

1980 - Present	Beer & Toone, P.C.	Trial Attorney/Shareholder
1975 - 1980	Beer & Kalyna, P.C.	Trial Attorney/Associate
1973 - 1975	State of Texas, Secretary of State	Elections Attorney
1973 - 1976	Army Reserve National Guard	Judge Advocate
1970 - 1973	State of Texas, State Senate	Committee Counsel

### Bar Affiliations

1973 State Bar of Texas  
1976 State Bar of Arizona  
1976 U.S. District Court of Arizona  
1981 U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
1982 U.S. Supreme Court

### Legal Specialization

1995 - Present Certified by State Bar of Arizona Board of Legal Specialization in  
Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation

### Professional Associations and Honors

#### Memberships

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals  
American College of Trial Lawyers (*Fellow*)  
American Board of Trial Advocates (*President, Phoenix Chapter, 2002-2004*)  
Arizona's Finest Lawyers (*Member*)  
Maricopa County Bar Assn. (*President 2000-2001; Board of Directors 1995-2002*)

### **Former Memberships**

International Association of Defense Counsel  
Arizona Association of Defense Counsel  
Defense Research Institute  
Aviation Insurance Association  
Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association  
National Transportation Safety Board Bar Association (*Founding Member*)  
American Bar Association  
Arizona Bar Foundation (*Fellow*)

### **Publication Listings**

Martindale-Hubbell: rated AV since 1982  
The Best Lawyers in America  
"Valley's Best 125 Attorneys," Phoenix Magazine  
Who's Who in American Law (Marquis)  
Southwest Super Lawyers 2007-2011 (Personal Injury Defense and ADR)  
Best of the U.S.

### **Teaching Positions**

Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy (Western Region)  
Faculty, Crash Survival Investigation Advanced Course (Tempe, Arizona)  
Faculty, 2000 IADC Trial Academy (University of Colorado, Boulder)

### **Professional Appointments**

1989 - Present Judge Pro Tempore, Maricopa County Superior Court  
1989 - Present Served as a court-appointed settlement judge and/or as private mediator or arbitrator in over 2,600 cases

### **Practice Experience**

Jury and non-jury trials for wrongful death, personal injury and property damages, including claims involving aircraft crashes (commercial and private airplanes, gliders, ultralights, helicopters, balloons), airport and airline liability, products liability, pesticides, bailment and contract disputes, auto accidents, and insurance coverage/bad faith litigation. Litigation experience in professional malpractice (medical practitioners, insurance agents and adjusters), toxic torts, real estate and commercial transactions, premises liability, bankruptcies and receivership proceedings, and administrative law, primarily dealing with FAA enforcement proceedings. Appellate practice experience before Arizona Court of Appeals, Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Appointed as judge pro tempore of the Maricopa County Superior Court since 1989. Served as settlement judge, arbitrator or mediator in over 2,500 cases in Maricopa County.

### **Community Involvement**

Verde Vaqueros of Scottsdale (Trail Ride charity group)  
*President 1991-1992, 2000-2001*  
Sheriff's Mounted Posse of Maricopa County  
*Member*