



## Donald E. Thomas

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### **Donald Thomas focuses his practice on complex civil litigation matters with an emphasis on product liability and mass torts.**

Don combines his deep legal experience in discovery with technology know-how to leverage technology, processes and workflow to gain efficiencies and value for clients' e-discovery needs. He is well-versed in drafting discovery motions and responses and preparing fact witnesses for depositions.

Outside of discovery, Don has worked on pharmaceutical and medical device multi-district litigation (MDL) settlements, including the drafting of release agreements and the valuation of claims.

In 2021, Don was selected by a multinational Fortune 50 company for a year-long secondment in its legal department. His role involved working with in-house counsel to manage and resolve MDL matters, consumer complaints and single-plaintiff matters.

Don also has experience in investigations of compliance matters. Don currently serves on the team of the Special Compliance Coordinator, appointed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, to monitor, assess, and report on the U.S. export control compliance of Zhongxing Telecommunications Equipment Corporation, of Shenzhen, China, and ZTE Kangxun Telecommunications Ltd. of Hi-New Shenzhen, China (collectively, ZTE).

Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, Don worked with an AmLaw 50 firm in its eData practice advising pharmaceutical clients' on their e-discovery needs. During law school, he gained legal experience as a law clerk for the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission.

## Honors

Chambers USA, 2023

### EDUCATION

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, (J.D.), Phi Delta Phi, 1L peer mentor, 2009

University of Michigan, (B.A.), University Honors, research assistant, University of Michigan Department of Neurology, 2003

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

Pennsylvania

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

### LANGUAGES

English

### PRACTICES

Drug and Medical Device

eDiscovery and Knowledge Management

Litigation

Product Liability and Mass Torts

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Indianapolis Bar Association

Volunteer, Indy Pride

Member, IndySHRM

Member, National Society of Human Resources Managers

Member, National LGBT Bar Association