



Thomas Rea

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PRACTICES

- White Collar Defense and Investigations
- Business Litigation

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2001
- Boston College, B.A., Political Science, 1998

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri

AFFILIATIONS

- Theodore McMillian Inns of Court Master, 2018-present

COMMUNITY

- Nutrifund, Governance and Internal Affairs Committee Member, 2021-present
- New Dimensions Soccer Program Volunteer Coach, 2012-present
- U.S. Water Polo Olympic Development Program Coach, 2022-2023
- Saint Louis University High School Water Polo Goalkeeper Coach, 2010-present
- Cage Cap Water Polo Goalkeepers Director, 2014-present
- American Red Cross Certified Lifeguard

Tommy Rea is a former Assistant United States Attorney who brings deep trial experience to his white-collar defense and investigations practice. He represents corporate and individual clients in a wide range of disputes and has significant experience in appellate litigation and conducting sensitive investigations.

Tommy served for over 17 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Missouri, first-chairing numerous trials. During that time, he led investigations and served as the criminal division chief, overseeing thousands of cases, including those related to white-collar crime, public corruption, terrorism, organized crime, firearms, and narcotics. He was the lead attorney on multiple homicide prosecutions and cold-case investigations. He also spent time in the civil division, handling federal litigation involving employment discrimination, immigration, personal injury, and medical malpractice.

In addition to his trial and white-collar background, Tommy has extensive experience managing complex, large-scale litigation and other legal matters across multiple industries. As part of his ability to manage these matters and provide detailed oversight, Tommy quickly identifies the best legal team to handle a matter effectively and efficiently, while also ensuring the client's best interests.

Tommy is an adjunct professor at Saint Louis University, where he has taught courses on trial advocacy and criminal procedure. He has been voted adjunct faculty member of the year three times. For over a decade, he also instructed at the National Advocacy Center, a training institution on legal and leadership skills operated by the Department of Justice Office of Legal Education.

Recognitions

- Saint Louis University Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year, 2015, 2018, 2019
- U.S. Attorney's Outstanding Investigation of the Year, 2019

EMPLOYMENT

- U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, 2006-2024
- Dowd Bennett LLP, Associate, 2010
- Bryan Cave, Associate, 2001-2006
- Department of Justice Outstanding Attorney Mentor, 2019
- U.S. Attorney's Mueleman Award, 2018
- ATF Appreciation Certificate, 2015
- ATF Director's Recognition Letter, 2013
- FBI Gang Prosecution Award, 2011
- U.S. Attorney's Special Achievement Award, 2007