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About Thomas Hoopes

Tom Hoopes represents companies, executives, professionals, public officials and private individuals in complex criminal and civil matters and in internal corporate investigations. As a trial lawyer, he has successfully handled numerous cases in federal and state courts, before juries and before judges.

Tom has been named one of Boston's top criminal lawyers by a prominent *Boston* magazine as well as one of the top 100 lawyers in Massachusetts by *Super Lawyers*, a joint publication of *Boston Magazine* and *Law & Politics*. He is a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (the top 500 trial lawyers in the United States), the American College of Trial Lawyers (the top 1% of trial lawyers in the United States and Canada) and the National Trial Lawyers Association (the top 100 trial lawyers in Massachusetts). He is listed in *Woodward/White's The Best Lawyers in America* and holds Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating (AV) for more than 15 years.

Education

Massachusetts School
of Law, J.D.
Haverford College

Memberships

Boston Bar Association
Massachusetts Bar
Association
American Bar Association

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals,
First Circuit
U.S. District Court,
Massachusetts

Representative Cases:

Non-prosecutions: Tom has succeeded in obtaining the non-prosecution of matters ranging from federal financial and tax fraud to state manslaughter charges faced by corporations and their employees.

- Company and owners investigated for improper health-care billing - not charged
- CEO investigated for federal bank fraud - not charged
- Business owner investigated for federal tax fraud - not charged
- Company employee investigated for part in off-label drug conspiracy - not charged
- Large non-profit corporation investigated for manslaughter charges involving the death of a resident - not charged
- Doctor investigated for motor vehicle homicide - not charged
- Politician investigated for criminal ethics violations - not charged

Dismissals: He has obtained dismissal of charges against a variety of clients including executives, business owners, lawyers and physicians.

- Executives of national company charged with regulatory violations - case dismissed
- Attorney charged with larceny - case dismissed
- Business owner charged with fraud - case dismissed
- Corporate officer charged with environmental violations - case dismissed
- Business owner charged with sexual assault - case dismissed
- Physician charged with larceny - case dismissed

Not guilty/not liable verdicts: Tom has achieved verdicts of not liable and not guilty before juries and judges for bank executives, politicians, healthcare professionals, teachers and other private citizens. (Tom recently was lead counsel for the team of lawyers that recently saved the life of the first man charged with the death penalty in New Hampshire in 50 years.)

- Elected official charged with federal civil rights violations - not liable
- Dentist charged with unlawful prescribing of controlled substances - not guilty
- Elected official charged with assault and battery - not guilty
- Teacher charged with arson - not guilty
- Various other charges against defendants ranging from sexual assault to OUI - not guilty

Internal Corporate Investigations

Tom has guided profit and non-profit corporations through internal investigations to determine the nature, scope and appropriate action regarding employees and their activities and, where necessary, coordinated matters with prosecution authorities.

Background

Tom has substantial experience in managing media relations and internal business communications - with the goal of resolving every case as quietly and effectively as possible. He has made frequent appearances as a legal analyst on national and local television and radio programs and has been a frequent commentator in the print media. He is currently the legal analyst for WHDH-TV/NBC (Channel 7) in Boston and has lectured on press and crisis management in legal affairs.

Tom is a former chair of the Massachusetts Bar Association Criminal Justice Section. He has co-authored chapters for the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education handbook on Massachusetts Superior Court practice. He has served on special committees at the request of both the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the Massachusetts Superior Court. Mr. Hoopes has taught trial practice at Harvard Law School, every other major law school in the Boston area, as well as the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. He is a member of the Boston Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and the American Bar Association.

During his nearly ten years of public service as a state prosecutor, his successful cases included murder, national drug distribution, public officials and professionals. He created and supervised the White Collar and High Publicity Crime Units in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and his efforts led to the creation of the Massachusetts and national registry for physician misconduct.

Mr. Hoopes is an honors graduate of Haverford College and Boston University School of Law.