

Thomas H. Tongue, Retired



Focus

Profile

Tom Tongue played an integral role in Dunn Carney since joining the firm in 1968 and until his retirement in December 2018. He served terms as managing partner and leader of the Litigation Team, and as a mentor to many of the firm's attorneys. His practice centered on complex civil litigation and health law.

A highly respected fourth generation Oregon attorney, Tom represented the highest level of skill and professionalism in the practice of law. He received the Multnomah Bar Association and the Oregon State Bar Litigation Section Owen Panner Professionalism Awards. In 2011-12, he was President of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the most distinguished group of trial lawyers in America and Canada. He was elected a Fellow in the ACTL in 1993. As recipient of the 2011 Judge Learned Hand Award, he was recognized for representing the same values as Judge Hand: upholding the rights of the individual and the importance of democratic values in an orderly society.

Tom's career was marked with a vast array of honors and awards, underscoring his reputation in the legal community and the example he set for fellow lawyers. His peers were quoted by Chambers and Partners USA, describing Tom as "one of the finest - he has all the right attributes you want in a lawyer."

Tom has been married to his wife, Dr. Andrea Tongue, since 1971. They have two children who both work in the legal field; his son is a fifth generation lawyer, and his daughter clerked for the U.S. Supreme Court and is now a law professor. In his spare time, Tom enjoys fly fishing, golfing and hiking.

Admissions

Oregon, 1968-2018

Education

University of Wisconsin, J.D., 1968

University of Oregon, B.S., History, 1965

Honors & Affiliations

Past Professional Affiliations

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow, 1993-Present; President, 2011-2012; President-elect, 2010-2011; Treasurer, 2009-2010; Secretary, 2008-2009; State Chair Committee, 2000-2002; Regent for Northwest Region, 2003-2007

International Association of Defense Counsel, 1983-Present

Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Board of Directors, 1993-1998; President, 1998

Multnomah County Bar Association, President, 1976; Committee on Judicial Selection, Past Chair

Oregon State Bar, Past Chair, Committee on Function and Organization of Bar; Past Chair, Committee on Disciplinary Rules and Procedures; Past Chair, Committee on Prepaid Legal Insurance; Past Chair, Committee on Professional Responsibility; Past Chair, Joint Committee on New Judgeships

Oregon State Bar House of Delegates, Elected Delegate, 1996-2008

Oregon Supreme Court, Civil Law Advisory Committee to Chief Justice, 1998-1999

U.S. District Court, Merit Selection Panel for Selection of U.S. Magistrate Judges, Chair, 1997; Member, 1993

U.S. Court of Appeals, Delegate, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, 1992-1994

Honors & Recognitions

Best Lawyers in America, 2005-2018, Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Securities Litigation, and Trusts and Estate Litigation; 2017 "Lawyer of the Year", Litigation - Trusts and Estates; 2016, 2012 "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Securities"; 2014-15 "Lawyer of the Year" in Bet-the-Company Litigation

Chambers and Partners, USA Survey, 2003-2018; Top Litigator in Oregon, 2004-2017

Oregon Super Lawyers, 2006-2018, Top 10 state-wide since 2006

American Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

Judge Learned Hand Lifetime Achievement Award, Oregon Area Jewish Committee, 2011

U.S. District Court Judge nominee, recommended by Merit Selection Panel, 2003

Owen Panner Professionalism Award, Oregon State Bar, 2002

Defense Research Institute Exceptional Performance Citation, 1999

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Multnomah Bar Association Professionalism Award, 1990

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[Portland Lawyer Leads Eminent Trial Lawyers Group](#), Portland Business Journal, 2012

The Lawyerly Lineage of Thomas H. Tongue, Oregon Super Lawyers, 2010