



## **Thomas A. Dydek**

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**Intellectual Property | Commercial Litigation | Insurance Coverage | Insurance and Reinsurance | White Collar Crime**

My goal is to solve problems efficiently and position clients for what comes next.

Thomas Dydek represents clients in disputes and a broad range of commercial litigation matters, bringing a perspective shaped by work as in-house corporate counsel, outside general counsel, and as a federal judicial clerk. He advises businesses navigating complex disputes, including breach-of-contract actions, white-collar investigations, and real estate controversies. His background in risk management enables him to help clients evaluate exposure, align litigation strategy with business objectives, and anticipate downstream consequences. Thomas combines procedural fluency gained through drafting federal court opinions with practical judgment developed through managing high-stakes claims.

Thomas handles intellectual property litigation and general commercial disputes for businesses across industries. His practice includes breach-of-contract actions, real estate and land-development controversies, white-collar investigations, and risk-related disputes.

Before joining Smith Gambrell & Russell, Thomas served as a law clerk in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, where he drafted opinions on dispositive motions in complex civil and criminal cases for the four federal judges in the Camden vicinage. That experience gave him insight into how judges evaluate arguments, assess evidence, and manage crowded dockets, a perspective he applies when crafting motions and litigation strategy for clients.

Before law school, Thomas worked in the insurance industry for nearly five years, advising municipal governments and commercial clients on risk management and the placement of specialty liability policies, including cyber, professional liability, and directors' and officers' coverage. In his free time, Thomas enjoys reading and football.

### **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Representation of a large healthcare data and analytics company in a trade secrets action brought by a supplier of healthcare data; obtained a successful verdict in arbitration dismissing the damages claim.
- Representation of a real estate developer in a dispute against one of its tenants, a commercial gym, in a bench trial; obtained favorable verdict requiring the tenant to pay the full amount due.

## **EDUCATION**

J.D., Rutgers Law School, cum laude

B.B.A., Temple University, Fox School of Business, Risk Management and Insurance, Spanish minor

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Pennsylvania

Florida