

## David H. Thomas

### Partner

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DAVID H. THOMAS is a partner in Taft's Corporate Compliance and White Collar Criminal Defense practice. He is also the Litigation practice group leader for Taft Columbus. He counsels and represents companies, public officials, health care providers, and other professionals who are the subject of state and federal investigations and prosecutions involving the United States Department of Justice and the Ohio Attorney General's Office, as well as county prosecutors throughout the state. He also assists clients in responding to subpoenas from Government regulators, including federal agencies like the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Drug Enforcement Administration and state agencies such as the Ohio Auditor's Office, Ohio Ethics Commission, and Ohio Inspector General.

Dave brings a broad range of experience to Taft's criminal defense practice. He has tried more than sixty cases in state and federal courts, in matters ranging from aggravated murder to corporate fraud and federal conspiracy. Dave has also argued in state and federal appeals courts and the Supreme Court of Ohio. He has served as lead counsel defending white collar cases ranging from ethics and public corruption to health care fraud, banking violations, Government contract fraud, tax fraud, money laundering, and environmental crime. Dave has been Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy since 2011.

Dave also defends individuals in all state and federal criminal proceedings. He has substantial experience in the representation of clients struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues, as well as in the defense of complex criminal indictments. He frequently is asked to present to attorneys on topics related to evidence and trial practice.

### Awards and Honors



### Practice Groups:

Litigation, Corporate Compliance & White Collar Criminal Defense, Private Client

### Bar/Court Admissions:

#### *Federal*

U.S. Supreme Court, 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, Western District of Michigan, Northern District of Ohio, Southern District of Ohio

#### *State*

Ohio, Minnesota (Inactive)

### Year First Admitted to Practice Law:

1999

### Education:

The Ohio State University College of Law (1999), Wittenberg University (1996)

- *Best Lawyers in America* 2015 and 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" for Columbus Criminal Defense: White Collar
- *Best Lawyers in America* - Criminal Defense: White Collar and Non-White Collar (2011-present)
- Ohio *Super Lawyers* - Criminal Defense: White Collar (2015-present)
- Ohio *Rising Stars* - Criminal Defense: White Collar (2011-2014)
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Board-Certified in Criminal Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy

## Professional Memberships

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association
  - Board of Governors
  - Professional Ethics Committee
  - Pro bono work on Homeless Project
  - Advance Succession Planning Committee
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

## Professional Affiliations / Recognitions:

AV Peer Review Rating (LexisNexis/Martindale-Hubbell), Best Lawyers in America®, Best Lawyers in America® - Lawyer of the Year, Ohio Super Lawyers, Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Columbus Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association