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Tom began his legal career at Gallagher more than three decades ago, joining the firm in 1990. He practices in Gallagher's health law and litigation practice groups, focusing on disputes in health care matters and business litigation. His work includes representation of hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, and other health care providers in litigation, regulatory compliance, and health planning matters, including certificate of need proceedings.

Tom serves as the firm's managing partner. He guides the firm with a continuing emphasis on excellent client service, collaboration among firm colleagues, community involvement and pro bono work, as well as a commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion across the organization.

Tom was recognized by *Baltimore Magazine* as a Top Lawyer for Health Care Law in 2026.

Civic and Charitable Service

- Member of Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Mayor's Business Roundtable (2023-present)
- Board of Trustees of the Baltimore School for the Arts (2022-present)

- Vice President of the Baltimore School for the Arts Foundation (2022-present)
- Fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation (2022)
- Board of Trustees of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (2021-present)
- Baltimore City Guaranteed Income Steering Committee (2021 – 2022)
- Baltimore Community Mediation Center, Board of Directors (2001 – 2011; 2015 – 2017), Advisory Council (2018 – present)
- Parks and People Foundation, Board of Directors (1999 – 2003)
- Court Appointed Advisory Council for *Thompson v. HUD*, a case involving the desegregation of Baltimore’s public housing units (1998 – 2000)
- Public Justice Center, Inc., Board of Directors (1992 – 1999), President (1997 – 1998)

Beyond Gallagher

When he is not in Gallagher’s offices collaborating with colleagues and interacting with clients, Tom spends much of his time with his family, including his wife, Denise, and their two adult children. He also enjoys cycling and the outdoors.

Background

Area(s) of Practice

- **Data Privacy**
- **Health Law**
- **Litigation**

Court Admission

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Courts
- District of Columbia Courts
- Maryland State Courts
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

- United States Supreme Court

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Massachusetts

Education

- University of Maryland School of Law, JD, with honors, Order of the Coif, 1990
- University of Maryland at College Park, BA, cum laude, 1987

Bar and Professional Memberships

- American Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association

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