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Thomas Stratton has focused his practice on the defense of professional liability and E&O claims for more than thirty years. He manages a wide variety of claims against insurance producers, real estate agents and attorneys, as well as defending construction and product liability claims. As appointed insurance defense counsel, Tom also handles personal injury claims involving sports organizations and premises liability. These claims have involved injuries as major as quadriplegia and death.

While Tom has successfully defended substantial claims through jury and court trials, he measures his success in terms of damage containment. A successful defense is one in which the insurer and client minimize both legal expenses and indemnity payment, as well as the client's time involvement. Tom's plan of action is to develop imaginative approaches to early and successful resolution of litigation.

Tom develops and keeps clients by stressing client service. This means rapid response to requests along with meaningful and frequent reporting. His attention to detail has paid off in client loyalty; several major clients have worked with Tom for more than 20 years.

Prior to joining Bullivant Houser, Tom was a shareholder at his boutique insurance defense firm. He started his career at the Pierce County prosecutor's office in Washington State before entering private practice. With substantial courtroom experience, and having worked on both sides of the table, he offers valuable perspective on putting together a winning case.

Tom litigates in state and federal trial courts and courts of appeals throughout the state of Washington as well as in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

PRACTICE AREAS

Professional Liability
Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation
Product Liability
Construction

EDUCATION

- University of Washington - J.D.
- University of Washington - B.A., *cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington, 1984

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

**PUBLICATIONS AND
PRESENTATIONS**

- Annual Speaker/Presenter at IIABW and PIA Insurance Conferences