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OVERVIEW:

As a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group, Thad focuses his practice on commercial, fiduciary and personal injury litigation. With more than a decade of experience, he serves both business and individual clients in successfully resolving their litigation matters.

Thad takes a pragmatic approach to his litigation practice and strives to explain complex issues to his clients in an easy-to-understand manner. He ensures that clients fully understand the legal process, the details of their case, and the real-world implications of their legal decisions. Thad is also qualified to serve as a mediator or arbitrator through the Berks County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. A recent highlight of his career was securing a landmark victory, in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in an eminent domain case between landowners and a railroad, which you may read more about here.

Commercial Litigation

Thad holds a broad commercial litigation practice, handling a variety of matters ranging from contract disputes and sophisticated construction issues to partnership dissolution and insurance dispute issues.

Representative cases:

Fiduciary Litigation

Thad regularly helps trust companies, banks and individuals with a variety of fiduciary matters including will contests, heir disputes, trust and power of attorney litigation and more. He frequently handles guardianship cases in Orphans' Court.

Representative cases:

Personal Injury

Thad brings significant experience in personal injury law, assisting with motor vehicle collisions, premises and products liability, slip and fall, and wrongful death claims. Litigation is often about economic loss, and Thad's experience and background allow him to understand and evaluate the full extent of his clients' damages.

Representative cases:



Thad has served as co-chair of the Civil Litigation Section of the Berks County Bar Association, an officer of the Justice William Strong Inns of Court, a member of the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and as a member of the Sedona Conference Working Group 1 on Electronic Document Retention and Production. He has also presented continuing legal education seminars to his colleagues on electronic discovery and issues related to the use of social media in litigation.

Outside the legal profession, Thad is actively involved in his community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Berks Catholic High School and has served on the board of directors and as president of the Greater Reading Young Professionals and on the board of directors for the Berks County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. Thad has also served as a member of the board of directors of the Greater Reading Economic Partnership.

Thad received both his J.D. and M.B.A. from Widener University. In addition, he received his B.S. in marketing from the Pennsylvania State University. Thad graduated from Holy Name High School and is a native of Berks County. Thad resides in West Chester, Pa., with his wife, Sara A. Gelsinger, and enjoys playing tennis and golf.

EDUCATION:

- Widener University Delaware Law School, J.D.
- Widener University, M.B.A.
- Pennsylvania State University, B.S.

ADMISSIONS:

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Litigation
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

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INDUSTRY GROUPS:
Construction
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
Berks Catholic High School
Board of Directors
Berks County Bar Association
Former board member and current co-chair of the Civil Litigation Section
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Former member of the House of Delegates
Greater Reading Young Professionals
Former president and member of board of directors
Greater Reading Economic Partnership
Former member of board of directors
Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce
Former member of board of directors
Berks Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association
Former member of board of directors
RECOGNITIONS:
Lehigh Valley Business Journal (Forty Under 40, 2022)

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MEMBERSHIPS:

- Berks County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- · Justice William Strong Inns of Court
- Berks County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, panel of arbitrators/mediators

PRESENTATIONS:

- E-Discovery When and How to Do It, Berks County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, August 7, 2014
- Case Management and Courtroom Technology in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of PA, January 25, 2018
- Defensible Disposition and Information Governance, The Sedona Conference Working Group 1, 2018
 Midyear Meeting, May 3, 2018
- Civil Bench Roundtable with the Berks County Court of Common Pleas, Berks County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, August 25, 2021
- Admissibility of Expert Evidence: Overcoming Objections and Motions in Limine, Berks County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, April 19, 2023
- Civil Bench Roundtable with the Berks County Court of Common Pleas, Berks County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, April 19, 2023

PUBLICATIONS:

• The Sedona Conference, Commentary on Information Governance, Second Edition, Drafting Team Member

RELATED NEWS:

 Barley Snyder Partner Kevin Moore Honored as Berks Catholic 2025 Distinguished Alumni Recipient October 8, 2025



- Barley Snyder Secures Landmark Victory for Property Rights in Eminent Domain Case August 26, 2024
- Barley Snyder Attorney Thad Gelsinger Named to Berks Catholic High School Board of Directors May 15, 2024
- Barley Snyder Partner Gelsinger Named to Forty Under 40 List August 15, 2022