

# William D. Thomson

## PARTNER

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**Bill puts his talent and dedication to work representing clients in complex litigation including class actions, corporate governance and shareholder disputes, and financial services matters.**

Bill's experience runs the gamut from internal investigations to bet-the-company litigation. He regularly defends insurers and other businesses in complex, multistate class actions. Business owners and shareholders rely on him to protect their interests in intra-corporate disputes with millions or billions of dollars at stake. And he has extensive experience representing banks and other financial institutions in major lending litigation. Regardless of the matter, Bill's creativity, intellect, and unrelenting dedication to achieving the best result for his clients set him apart.

## EXPERIENCE

### Insurance Litigation

He has represented insurers in numerous "labor-depreciation" class actions challenging the insurers' methods of determining the actual cash value (ACV) of damaged property.

He has successfully defended property insurers in class actions challenging the calculation of co-insurance penalties.

## PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Business Litigation

Class Action

Securities Litigation, Arbitration & Enforcement Actions

Insurance Class Action & Litigation

Structured Finance & RMBS Litigation

White Collar Criminal Defense & Special Investigations

## ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

U.S. Tax Court

## EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., *with high honors*, 2014

- Order of the Coif
- Kirkland & Ellis Scholar

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He represented a reinsurance broker in the prosecution of claims for conversion, tortious interference and civil theft arising from the diversion of brokerage for reinsurance placements, leading to a \$3.9 million verdict after a one-week jury trial.

### Corporate Governance

He represented business owners and shareholders in bet-the-company corporate-governance, shareholder-oppression, and breach-of-fiduciary-duty cases.

Bill conducted numerous corporate internal investigations in response to whistleblower complaints and allegations of officer misconduct.

### Business & Financial Litigation

He defended businesses in consumer protection and breach of warranty class actions relating to allegations of product defects, false advertising, and deceptive trade practices.

Bill represented more than a dozen lenders in complex lawsuits brought by large purchasers of mortgage loans, seeking indemnification in connection with the sale of hundreds of millions of dollars in mortgage loans to RMBS trusts and government sponsored entities.

### RECOGNITIONS

Selected to the *Super Lawyers*© Minnesota Rising Stars list, 2022-2023

Named to the 2021-2024 *Best Lawyers in America*© "Ones to Watch" list

Recipient of 2010 Burton Award for Legal Writing

- *University of Chicago Law Review*

Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, M.Phil., 2011

University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., *with honors*, 2009

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Harrington Prize for best thesis by a history major

### CLERKSHIPS

Honorable James B. Loken, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Minneapolis

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## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Federal Rules Committee for the District of Minnesota

Minnesota State Bar Association

Hennepin County Bar Association

## NEWS

*Best Lawyers in America* Recognizes 32 Stinson Attorneys as "Ones to Watch"

08.17.2023

Stinson Attorneys Selected for Inclusion on 2023 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars Lists

07.17.2023

*Best Lawyers in America*® Recognizes 29 Stinson Attorneys as "Ones to Watch"

08.18.2022

Stinson Attorneys Named to 2022 Minnesota *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars

08.04.2022

Todd Noteboom, Bill Thomson Publish in ABA's *The Brief* on Labor Depreciation

03.21.2022

Bill Thomson Chosen to Serve on District of Minnesota Federal Rules Committee

02.15.2022

Stinson Elects Nine New Partners in 2022

01.11.2022

*Best Lawyers in America* Recognizes 23 Stinson Attorneys as "Ones to Watch"

08.19.2021

*Best Lawyers* Recognizes 21 Stinson Attorneys as "Ones to Watch"

08.20.2020

## PUBLICATIONS

"Belaboring Depreciation: The 'Labor Depreciation' Class Action Tidal Wave," *The Brief* by American Bar Association, March 2022

"U.S. Supreme Court Provides Some Defense for Class Action Defendants," *Spokeo* Decision, 2016

Supreme Court Precludes Unharmed Class Members from Recovering for Technical Statutory Violations

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