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Overview

Thomas focuses his practice on complex intellectual property litigation and transactions, with a particular focus on patent infringement and trademark cases across district courts, the International Trade Commission, and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

He is experienced in various technical areas, including Internet technologies, wireless and cellular communications, semiconductor chip design and fabrication, power tools, computer and networking systems, and mechanical devices.

Additionally, Thomas advises on intellectual property aspects associated with strategic transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, global corporate reorganizations, and complex intellectual property license structures for public and privately held companies. He also provides analysis on landscape, freedom to operate, and patentability opinions, helping clients navigate domestic and international patent portfolios.

Prior to joining Benesch, Thomas was an associate at a large international law firm. He is also a licensed Professional Engineer. With a background in electrical engineering, he spent six years as an engineer at a leading standards organization, where he contributed to the development of industry standards in cybersecurity, cryptography, access control, and intrusion detection systems. He combines his hands-on industry experience with legal strategy to give clients robust and strategic counsel.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- DePaul University College of Law, 2017, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Certificate in Patent Law
  - Staff Writer, *Journal of Art, Technology and Intellectual Property*
  - AIPLA Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition
- University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, 2008, B.S., Electrical Engineering

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

Memberships

- Member, The Richard Linn American Inn of Court
- Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

Awards & Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America®* "Ones to Watch," Litigation - Intellectual Property (2023-2025)

News & Insights

- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Announces 16 New Partners for 2026
  December 31, 2025 | Press Releases

- Benesch Represents ASUSTeK in Federal Patent Appeal - Featured in Law360
  June 18, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Thomas DaMario and Ruddy Abam Mentioned in Crain's Chicago People On the Move
  October 22, 2024 | Media Mentions