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Thomas H. Lee is a partner at Gruenstein Law and the Leitner Family Professor of International Law at the Fordham University School of Law, where he has taught for over 20 years. Tom has extensive experience litigating complex and novel challenges to federal, state and local laws and regulations, as well as other matters of constitutional, national security and international law.

In private practice, Tom has litigated a wide range of federal lawsuits, including antitrust, securities and consumer-protection disputes; data security and telecommunications matters; and cross-border cases involving foreign governments and officials. He has also served as an expert witness in U.S. and foreign litigation and international arbitration regarding the Alien Tort Statute, the American legal system, investment treaty claims and international territorial disputes.



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In 2024, Tom was lead counsel in the first lawsuit to obtain a federal court ruling that the Corporate Transparency Act was unconstitutional.

From 2019 to 2020, Tom served as Special Counsel to the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Defense, where he advised on a wide variety of national security law matters including executive- and deliberative-privilege and sovereign-immunity assertions, cybersecurity and AI policies, national security sanctions, procurement disputes and CFIUS review.

At Fordham, where he also serves as Co-Director of the Center on Asian Americans and the Law, Tom has taught courses in constitutional law, federal jurisdiction and litigation, international arbitration, international law, national security law and telecommunications law. He has also been a Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School and the University of Virginia School of Law; a member of the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) Panel of Conciliators; and U.S. Law Adviser to the Constitutional Court of Korea.

Tom is a summa cum laude graduate of Harvard College and an honors graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was Articles Chair of the Harvard Law Review. He also holds a master's degree in Regional Studies—East Asia from Harvard and is fluent in Korean and proficient in Japanese. After law school, Tom clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit for Judge Michael Boudin and on the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice David H. Souter. Before law school, he served as an active-duty U.S. naval cryptology officer aboard submarines and with the National Security Agency.

EDUCATION

- J.D., 2000, Harvard Law School, *cum laude*
- A.M., Regional Studies-East Asia, 1991, Harvard University
- A.B., 1991, Harvard College, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa



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CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. David H. Souter, U.S. Supreme Court
- Hon. Michael Boudin, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

ADMITTED IN

- New York