

THOMAS J. CORTAZZO



Biography

Thomas Cortazzo, a native of New Orleans, earned his Bachelor of Public Administration Degree *summa cum laude* from Loyola University College of Business, where he attended on academic scholarship. He received his Juris Doctor from Loyola University School of Law in 1987, where he was a member and Comment/Casnote Editor of the *Loyola Law Review* and a moot court teaching assistant.

Tom has been practicing law for more than 28 years. His practice consists of litigation in courts and administrative tribunals, and his experience ranges from various forms of commercial litigation to insurance matters. Tom's practice also consists of other forms of dispute resolution such as arbitration and mediation; he is a certified mediator through the American Arbitration Association (AAA). Tom is a member of various professional organizations, including the New Orleans, Louisiana, American and Federal Bar Associations. He has lectured on legal topics to lawyers, business groups and schools, as well as authored legal publications. Tom has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in Commercial Litigation and by *New Orleans Magazine* as one of their "Top Lawyers of New Orleans" for his work in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Insurance and Gaming Law.

Tom stays active in the community, serving as a member and past-president of the Loyola University School of Law Alumni Association Board. He was also a member of the Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish School Board, and is very involved with the Rotary Club of Carrollton (in New Orleans), where he led the Carrollton Rally, a fundraiser and project that placed computer labs in public elementary schools and encouraged their use. He also led in the formation of the Carrollton Rotary Children's Foundation, a non-profit endowment supporting local children's charitable causes.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Business & Commercial Litigation
Construction
Environmental
General Casualty
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Professional Liability

BAR ADMISSIONS

Louisiana, 1987 (all state courts)

All United States District Courts in Louisiana

United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Loyola University of New Orleans College of Law, J.D., 1987
· Comment/Casnote Editor, *Loyola Law Review*

Loyola University College of Business, B.S. Public Administration, 1984, *summa cum laude*

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Mediator, American Arbitration Association (AAA)