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Areas of Focus

Government Controversies
and Public Policy Litigation

Antitrust and Competition
Law

State Attorneys General

Congressional
Investigations

ESG: Environmental, Social,
and Governance



Overview

As a strategic advisor, accomplished litigator, crisis manager and one of Washington's most respected counselors, Tom Perrelli guides companies and their senior leadership through their most complex legal, regulatory, and business challenges. Whether the issues involve government investigations, congressional inquiries, interest from state regulators, public policy changes, or media scrutiny, clients turn to Tom for his ability to advance and defend their interests in complicated landscapes. Tom is a problem-solver, capable of developing and deploying a wide range of tools to move the company past significant problems or substantially mitigate their impact.

Tom's wide field of vision is informed by his deep experience with the US Department of Justice, numerous other federal regulators, Congress, and the state Attorney General community. Tom's work often involves negotiation of complex multi-party settlements, development of legislative or regulatory initiatives, and responding to congressional investigations, including preparing CEOs and senior executives to testify before Congress and state legislatures.

Tom created the firm's Government Controversies and Public Policy Litigation Practice to bring a multi-disciplinary approach to clients' most complex problems. As former Associate Attorney General of the United States, Tom was responsible for the Department's Civil, Antitrust, Civil Rights, Environment and Natural Resources, and Tax Divisions. He also oversaw the United States Trustee Program, the Office of Justice Programs and the Office on Violence Against Women. During this time, Tom served as lead federal negotiator on some of the largest

settlements in history and oversaw all of the United States' civil litigation. Tom leverages that experience and the relationships he developed to advocate for his clients today, with one federal judge calling him a "settlement guru."



Thomas Perrelli is a strategic powerhouse. His ability to understand clients and their needs, and to put their business first in the context of a very challenging process, is at the top of the industry. He is at the top of his game.”

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- State Attorneys General
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- ESG: Environmental, Social, and Governance
- Monitorship Practice
- Business Litigation
- Investigations, Compliance, and Defense
- Technology
- Organizational Values and Strategy Task Force
- Reproductive Health Task Force
- Life Sciences
- Public Company Advisory Group
- India
- Global Hearing Preparation
- Education
- Critical and Emerging Technologies
- Global Crisis Management and Strategic Risk
- Mass Torts and Product Liability

Representative Matters

- Negotiating the \$21 billion national opioids settlement as lead counsel for McKesson Corp.

- Represented multiple Fortune 500 companies, including large financial institutions and an automobile manufacturer, in large multi-state and federal settlements.
- Prepared multiple CEOs and senior executives for testimony before Congress and state legislatures.
- Serve as lead counsel to multiple Fortune 500 companies, including financial institutions, tech companies, and manufacturers, in state Attorney General investigations.
- Represented multiple financial institutions and tech companies in Consumer Financial Protection Bureau investigations across the full range of regulatory issues.
- Provide counsel to major public and private universities in government investigations, public policy litigation, and internal investigations/disputes.
- Selected by the US Department of Justice and/or state Attorneys General as a monitor for three companies, including Citibank.

Credentials

Admissions

- District of Columbia, 1993

Education

- Harvard Law School, JD, *magna cum laude*, 1991
- Brown University, BA, *magna cum laude*, 1988

Court Admissions

- US Supreme Court, 1996
- US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 2002
- US District Court, District of Columbia, 1994
- Virginia Supreme Court, 1991

Clerkships

- Hon. Royce C. Lamberth, US District Court, District of Columbia, 1992

Service / Recognition

Awards

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Leaders in Crisis Management*, 2026
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2022, 2024-2025
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial (District of Columbia), 2021-2026; Media & Entertainment, 2007-2009

- *Washington, DC Super Lawyers*, 2009; 2015-2023; in Civil Litigation: Defense, Entertainment and Sports, and Schools and Education
- *Legal 500*, Dispute Resolution - General Commercial Disputes, 2017
- *Washingtonian Magazine*, Best Lawyers, National Security, 2015
- *Lawdragon Magazine*, 500 New Stars, New Worlds, 2006; 500 Leading Lawyers in America, 2013-2015
- *National Law Journal*, Visionaries of the Legal Profession, 2011
- National Congress of American Indians, Governmental Leadership Award, 2011
- *Washington Business Journal*, Best Intellectual Property Lawyer in Washington, DC, 2008
- Jenner & Block, Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Pro Bono Award, 2005
- *National Law Journal*, 40 Under 40, 2005

Community

- Commercial Club of Chicago, Civic Committee Member, 2021
- Center for Catastrophic Risk Management and Compensation, RAND Corporation, Advisory Board Member, 2013