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For over 35 years, Tom has consistently delivered results and value to his clients. Tom joined Pillinger Miller Tarallo as a partner in the Elmsford office in 2019 and before that, Tom was managing partner of Thomas M. Bona, PC, an insurance defense firm with over 30 years of experience.

Tom is admitted to practice in New York and has a wealth of experience in all types of civil matters including Construction/Labor law, Construction Defects, Complex Litigation, Coverage Matters, Municipal Liability, Automobile, Dram Shop actions, and Premises Liability cases. Tom handles Complex Multi-Party Litigation and he manages teams of attorneys in organizing and delivering document analysis and production.

Tom is a seasoned negotiator who has successfully mediated and settled hundreds of cases both coverage and defense for his clients. Over his 30-year career in insurance defense, he has represented scores of insurance companies, self-insureds, and third-party administrators successfully, defending them in federal and state actions. Tom served as the Town Attorney for the Town of Pelham and served as a Hearing Officer for the Westchester County Department of Health. He has successfully handled scores of appeals for clients. Tom has lectured self-insureds and insurance companies claims departments in all areas of New York law including Labor Law, Premises Liability, Coverage, No-Fault and Medicare Liability.

Prior to civil practice, Tom was an Assistant District Attorney in Westchester County and prosecuted homicides, sexual offenders, and organized crime cases. He conducted numerous bench and jury trials.

Tom has always prided himself by giving clients an aggressive defense and making plaintiffs prove their claims. He has consistently delivered results and value to his clients. Tom's clients include Erie Insurance, GNY Insurance Company, Amica Insurance, Archdiocese of New York, Metropolitan Transit Authority, CVS and ShopRite.

Tom graduated from St. John's University School of Law where he was on the Moot Court Executive Board and won several competitions for oral advocacy. He also has an MBA from St. John's University and graduated from Colgate University.

In addition to law, Tom is passionate about music and drumming and has played drums since he was a child. Tom has played all kinds of music, enjoys jazz and rock and is most at home performing live. (View on LinkedIn, click [HERE](#))

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Practice Areas

Asbestos
Automobile
Complex Multi-Party Litigation
Construction
Dram Shop Liability
Employment Practices
Environmental & Toxic Tort
General Liability
Insurance Coverage
Mass Torts Defense
Municipal Defense
Non-Profit Organizations
Ocean/Marine & Complex Property Claims
Products Liability
Special Investigations
Subrogation
Transportation & Trucking
Worker's Compensation

Admissions

Bar

New York

Courts

U.S. District Court, Eastern,
Western, Northern and Southern
Districts of New York

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Distinctions

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Westchester Women's Bar Association

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the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance

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Web Conference Series

Tom has created and served as moderator for the Pillinger Miller Tarallo St. John's Tobin College of Business Greenberg School of Risk Management Conference Webinar Series which has included:

- Risk Management 2020: Hot Topics and Cool Solutions
- Settling Cases During and After the Pandemic – Four Perspectives: Defense, Plaintiff, Judicial/Mediator, Insurance Company
- Killing the Goose that Lays the Golden Eggs – Will progressive legislation and judicial decision do what natural disasters wouldn't do in New York?
- After Nuclear Verdicts: Time to Exit the Fallout Shelter and Try Cases
- Claims Settlement Institute: Successful Resolution Strategies

Education

St. John's University School of Law,
J.D., Executive Board Moot Court

Colgate University

St. John's University M.B.A.