



Thomas J. Belesiu

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Thomas Belesiu is a seasoned litigator who effectively handles all aspects of civil litigation. He primarily represents clients in first-party coverage matters, with a focus on defending insurance claims involving Oregon's evolving bad faith law. Tom is a member of an experienced team of attorneys specializing in the defense of coverage disputes, meticulously analyzing clients' most intricate coverage questions to obtain cost-effective and early resolution. In addition, Tom is well-versed in risk analysis and mitigation, SIU assistance, and handling appellate matters. He has significant trial experience, having tried more than 20 jury trials to verdict.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Tom worked at an established litigation defense firm, where he was a member of the Coverage Practice group. Previously, Tom was a prosecutor in the Washington County District Attorney's Office in Hillsboro, Oregon, where he gained valuable experience in criminal law and procedure, prosecuting numerous jury and bench trials.

In addition to his law practice, Tom serves as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Education

- University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 2016)
 - Mulroy Prize for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy
- Santa Clara University (B.S. Accounting, *summa cum laude*, 2012)

Bar Admissions

- Oregon

Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense

- California
- Washington

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

Professional Affiliations

- Oregon State Bar House of Delegates
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel

Representative Matters

Obtained summary judgment for an insurance carrier client dismissing the allegation of negligence in the handling of the plaintiff's insurance claim.

Obtained an order staying suit against the insurance carrier by the insured, after the insured withdrew from contractual appraisal proceedings prior to filing suit.