

# Tom Bell, Of Counsel

Tom Bell concentrates primarily on workers' compensation matters, representing insurance clients. With a career spanning nearly thirty years, Tom has consistently delivered excellent legal counsel and favorable outcomes for his clients. Armed with a Juris Doctor from St. Louis University, also with honors, Tom brings a broad, practical base to fulfill his role at Laird Cowley.

## **Professional Background:**

Tom holds an extensive professional background as a seasoned attorney with a proven track record in handling complex work-injury litigation cases. Throughout his career, he has successfully represented clients in high-stakes civil disputes. His knowledge spans a wide range of legal areas, including corporate law, personal injury, civil rights, and employment law, making him a versatile member of the Laird Cowley team. Tom's dedication to his clients have earned him a reputation as a trusted advocate and leader in his field.

In 1987, Tom graduated with honors from Washington University in St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Afterward, he continued his education at St. Louis University, where he earned his Juris Doctor, again graduating with honors. For the past twenty years, he has essentially defended employers and insurers in work-related injury claims for clients including BNSF Railway Company and Montana State Fund.

In 2024, Tom joined Laird Cowley in an Of Counsel role, where he primarily focuses on workers' compensation defense. His extensive experience as a civil trial attorney and workers' compensation insurance lawyer makes him a key asset to the firm.

## **Personal Interests & Hobbies:**

Outside of his legal practice, Tom enjoys motorcycles and exploring Montana's scenic routes. He's also passionate about the outdoors, spending his free time hiking and snow skiing, both downhill and cross-country. Committed to serving his community, Tom volunteers as a fireman with the Thompson Falls Rural Fire Department.

## **Practice Areas**

- Workers Compensation
- Insurance Litigation

## **Education**

- St. Louis University, Juris Doctor, with honors (1995)
- Washington University in St. Louis, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with honors (1987)

## **Bar Admission**

- Montana (active)
- Missouri, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois (dormant)