



## Thomas L. Caradonna

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Tom Caradonna is a seasoned litigator and practice leader known for his deep experience in medical negligence, personal injury, property tax, and business litigation, delivering trusted counsel and results-driven representation across a broad spectrum of legal matters.

Tom serves as Practice Group Leader for the Medical Negligence practice group at Lewis Rice. With more than 35 years of experience, Tom represents clients in complex personal injury matters including medical negligence and product liability, as well as business, commercial, and property tax litigation.

Tom is national trial counsel for clinical and anatomic pathology cases for one of the country's leading laboratories, and he regularly appears in state and federal courts across the United States. His litigation practice spans a wide range of personal injury-related matters, where he is known for achieving successful outcomes.

In addition to his trial work, Tom has extensive experience in property tax law. He has represented major corporations and commercial property owners in real estate and business personal property disputes throughout Missouri and many other states. He has tried hundreds of cases before the Missouri State Tax Commission and is frequently sought out by corporate taxpayers and tax consulting firms for his expertise.

Tom also advises clients on business-related litigation and dispute resolution, providing practical and strategic counsel across a variety of industries.

His background as a former police officer and prosecutor informs his reputation for honesty, integrity, and a strong work ethic—qualities he brings to every case. Tom has appeared in numerous state, federal, and appellate courts in Missouri and Illinois, including arguments before the Missouri Supreme Court and every appellate court in Missouri. He has also litigated in trial and tax courts in other states.

Beyond his legal practice, Tom is actively involved in the St. Louis community. He is proud of his Italian-American heritage, and serves on several boards and supports a variety of charitable causes.

Tom also advises a wide range of corporate and individual clients on business matters. He

### Services

- Complex Litigation
- Taxation
- Products Liability
- Investigations and White Collar Crime
- Real Estate
- Property Tax Litigation
- Medical Negligence

serves as Chairman of the Firm's Contingent Fee Committee and is a member of the Associate Development Committee. He holds an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized by *Best Lawyers*® from 2013 to 2026. He was named *St. Louis Litigation – Real Estate Lawyer of the Year* by *Best Lawyers*® in both 2021 and 2026.

## Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 1987)
- Saint Louis University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1981)

## Legal Background

- Former police officer, St. Louis County Police Department
- Former assistant city attorney and prosecutor, City of Webster Groves, MO

## Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Litigation and Taxation Section
- Institute for Professionals in Taxation
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Defense Research Institute
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

## Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Southern District of Illinois, U.S. District Court
- Missouri Bar
- Illinois Bar

## Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Legal counsel and member, Executive Board, St. Louis Italian Open Golf Tournament for Children's Charities
- Member, Silver Council, National Italian American Foundation
- Member of the Board, Compagnons du Vin of the International Societe du Vin
- Member, Old Warson Country Club

## Firm Committees

- Chairman, Contingent Fee Committee
- Member, Associate Development Committee

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# Medical Negligence

Thomas L. Caradonna, licensed in Missouri and Illinois, is national trial counsel for one of

the country's largest and leading national clinical reference laboratories. He is responsible for all clinical and anatomic pathology-related lawsuits filed against the lab throughout the United States. He acts as lead counsel, responsible for directing all of the lab's defenses, up through and including trial, working directly with, and reporting to the lab's Director of Litigation.

At any one time, Tom will be lead counsel in 20 or more pending cases throughout the United States. These cases primarily allege medical-related negligence or malpractice. A team of Lewis Rice attorneys experienced in medical negligence cases assists in defending these lawsuits. We take the lead on all aspects of the litigation, including developing defense strategies, preparing all pleadings, handling all discovery, including depositions of witnesses, defending company representatives at deposition, retaining defense experts, and acting as lead trial counsel.

We have extensive experience in retaining medical experts from around the country in various specialties to defend the lab and its employees, and maintain an on-going defense expert database. We also maintain relationships with experienced defense counsel around the country to assist us as local counsel in these cases.

Tom has more than 35 years of experience representing physicians and other medical providers in various medical-related cases.

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## Property Tax Litigation

Thomas L. Caradonna has an active and extensive property tax litigation practice, having successfully represented numerous major corporations and commercial property owners in real estate and business personal property cases across Missouri and many other states. Tom has litigated and tried numerous cases before the Missouri State Tax Commission, where we successfully challenged valuations of commercial real estate and business personal property, resulting in significant property tax savings for our clients.

Tom and his partners in this area are known and respected statewide for their knowledge and experience in this highly specialized field of practice. Our attorneys have been at the forefront of Missouri property valuation issues for many years, we have argued cases in Missouri appellate courts affecting property taxation, and our counsel is regularly sought by corporate taxpayers and tax consulting firms.