

THOMAS G. SAMPSON II

PARTNER



Thomas G. Sampson II (“Woody”) is a Partner with Thomas Kennedy Sampson & Tompkins LLP, Georgia’s oldest minority-owned law firm. A trial lawyer, Woody regularly represents Fortune 500 companies, individuals and governmental entities in various types of complex legal matters. Woody has been listed as a Georgia Super Lawyers® and was a Charter Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America. This trial honorary is by invitation and consists of less than 1% of trial lawyers in America. Woody has also been listed in “The Power Book” as one of the top 50 leaders in the legal profession by the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Thomas Kennedy Sampson & Tompkins LLP

Partner, May 2003 – Present

Associate Attorney, May 1994 – April 2003

Considerable trial experience (over 100 jury trials): Woody has a wide variety of experience, having been involved in trying more than 100 cases. Areas of concentration include tort defense, civil rights litigation, insurance defense, warranty defense, premises liability, medical malpractice defense and governmental ethics. He has handled matters involving Civil Rights/Section 1983 Litigation, Consumer Warranty, Insurance Defense, Legal and Medical Malpractice, Negligent Security, Personal Injury, Premises Liability, Product Liability, Trucking Litigation and Wrongful Death. Woody is also certified as a mediator.

In addition to his trial experience, Woody has served as General Counsel to the Fulton County Board of Ethics since 1999. As Counsel to the Board of Ethics, Woody has advised the Board on numerous complaints that have come before them concerning ethical violations of Fulton County elected officials and employees of Fulton County. He has authored the requests for advisory opinions during his tenure from individuals who sought to determine whether their prospective conduct constituted an ethical violation. Woody has represented and advised City of Atlanta elected officials on various matters including a GBI investigation of election impropriety.

EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia

Juris Doctor, 1994

Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, 1991

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Georgia Super Lawyer 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 (honorary of top 5% of Georgia Lawyers)
Barrister, Bleckley Inn of Court
Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (honorary of top 5% of U.S. Lawyers)
General Counsel, Fulton County Board of Ethics
General Counsel, APS Ethics Commission
Chairman of the Board, Southwest Coalition of Concerned Citizens
Board Member, Fulton County Child Advocate Board
Member, American Bar Association
Member, State Bar of Georgia
Member, Gate City Bar Association
Member, The American Trial Lawyer Association (honorary of top Georgia trial lawyers)
Member, 100 Black Men, Atlanta Chapter
Former Board Member, Planned Parenthood of Georgia, Inc.
Former Board Member, Southwest Christian Academy
President, Gate City Bar Association 2009
President-Elect, Gate City Bar Association, 2007
Vice President, Gate City Bar Association, 2006

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Georgia, 1994
Supreme Court of Georgia
Georgia Court of Appeals
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia