

OVERVIEW

THOMAS H. CITRON (MANAGING PARTNER): Tom has been a trial attorney for over twenty years. He has been a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) for more than seven years, and has served as an instructor at ABOTA's trial school on multiple occasions. He is also a member of CLM, DRI and ASCDC.

Tom is the firm's lead trial attorney. He is equally comfortable in state and federal court. As an experienced litigator, Tom knows that sometimes it is not in the client's best interests to let a case's outcome be determined by a jury but is always prepared to do so. His skills at evaluating cases and being a strong advocate come into play as an effective negotiator at mediation.

He has developed an unrivaled reputation in the legal community for his defense of landlords. When Tom is in trial, Plaintiffs' attorneys not involved in the case frequently dedicate time to observe him at work. Tom knows from experience that juries can be unpredictable regardless of the strengths or vulnerabilities of a case. What never changes is being prepared and accessible to clients.

Tom appreciates the importance of a thorough and early evaluation of cases. He recognizes that teamwork with his co-workers and the client are indispensable to achieving favorable case resolution.

In the early years of his practice, Tom was mentored by his father and focused his practice on the types of cases being handled by the firm at that time. As a more seasoned attorney he has focused on products liability, personal injury, and

habitability cases. The LACMTA looks to Tom to handle large and small bus accident cases.

Tom recognizes that overseeing a group of attorneys from diverse backgrounds, with various amounts of experience in a multitude of practice areas, allows the firm to offer exemplary services in areas of civil practice beyond those in which he specializes. Accordingly, the firm has brought on board three senior attorneys. One of the three is a seasoned litigator who once worked for a major insurance company as its AVP of E&O Claims. The others have strong first and third party insurance coverage backgrounds, as well as experience in construction defect litigation.

Tom works hard not only for his firm but also for his family. He cherishes being a loving husband and hands-on parent to his two children. Although he shares Joel's love of good food and good wine, youth baseball and soccer fields throughout Southern California have become Tom's home away from home. He realizes that as his children enter their teen years, those cherished family ski trips will soon be coming to an end.

JOEL F. CITRON (*FOUNDING PARTNER*): Joel has been a trial attorney for over fifty years. He has been a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) for over thirty years, and has served as an instructor at ABOTA's trial school on multiple occasions. Joel is a true gentleman. He is well known and respected throughout the Los Angeles legal community for his skills and compassion. Joel has an uncanny ability to recall facts and details.

As fewer cases are resolved through trial, Joel's talent as an eloquent writer has become a key asset to the firm. His ability to effectively communicate also makes him a strong negotiator.

Joel's primary areas of practice have been as an insurance coverage and defense attorney. He is a member of CLM, DRI, and Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (ASCDC).

While in law school, Joel worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. He was trained to investigate claims which included an exposure to all operations. Joel continues to handle both large and small cases for the LACMTA. The transportation and automobile accident cases he has handled have involved everything from whiplash to traumatic brain injury and major orthopedic injuries.

His practice has included a significant number of cases where general damages are the focus. Defending foster parents or Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly accused of abuse requires a special skill set and ability to be compassionate and aggressive at the same time. Individuals whose carriers have appointed Joel as defense counsel have turned to Joel for their future needs, including requesting that their insurers retain Citron & Citron for their defense.

Although not part of his recent practice, Joel has a strong background in third party insurance coverage.

Joel's personal passions include deep sea fishing, travel, food and wine, and most importantly, family. Joel knows London and Paris like the back of his hand. His favorite coffee mug has a picture of Joel with Tom and Tom's son on the son's first fishing trip.

KATHERINE A. TATIKIAN (SENIOR COUNSEL): Kathy's favorite parts of our practice are research and writing legal arguments. Kathy primarily handles our appellate practice and challenging pleadings. She has been an attorney for more than 25 years and has been with Citron & Citron for more than 8 years. There is no detail or fact overlooked when Kathy takes on a project. Her work ethic and dedication to the firm is evident in everything she does.

Prior to joining Citron & Citron, Kathy worked at a highly regarded firm doing first and third party coverage work, including work for excess carriers. It was at this firm that Kathy honed her appellate practice skills.

When not working, Kathy enjoys spending time gardening and playing with her dog. She also enjoys spending time in her hometown of Santa Barbara. Her favorite coffee mugs are adorned with pictures of her grandchildren in New York. Visits to the East Coast are always special.

JACQUELINE L. SHULMAN (SENIOR COUNSEL): Jackie describes herself as a "settlement attorney." She prefers to control the outcome of cases through skillful negotiation. She has been an attorney for more than 30 years and has been with Citron & Citron for more than 7 years. Jackie's greatest contribution to the Citron & Citron team is her versatility and ability on short notice to demonstrate the diversity of her skill set. She excels at witness preparation, taking depositions, and defending depositions of our clients and experts. Her background in medical technology is uniquely suited to assisting the team in understanding medical records and addressing claims of physical injury.

Before joining Citron & Citron, Jackie spent over 20 years as a first and third party coverage attorney. She also has extensive experience handling construction defect and products liability cases. A favorite case included the deposition of a seismologist who at the end of the deposition asked her where she obtained her degree in geology. Her response was "my expert taught me well."

Jackie prides herself on being a consummate professional, wife and mother to two grown children. Jackie's shares her passion for theatre and other live performances with her husband of over 35 years. In the past few years she has become a Cirque du Soleil groupie, traveling to wherever her son is currently working on a show as a lighting technician.

PHILIP TREACY (SENIOR COUNSEL): Phil has been a friend and colleague of Joel, Tom and Jackie for many years, often as co-counsel in highly-charged and high exposure foster care cases involving allegations of serious abuse and injury to children in the foster care system. He has over 40 years of experience as a litigator in all areas of Tort Law to include Wrongful Death and Survivor cases. He also spent some time as AVP E&O Claims for a major insurance company in its corporate offices in Manhattan. After closing his own firm, he recently came out of retirement to join the Citron & Citron team and his knowledge and experience are truly valued and a great addition.

In addition to being admitted to practice law in all State and numerous Federal Courts in California, Phil is also licensed in State and Federal Courts in Texas and in the District of Columbia.

His tenacity and advocacy are valued benefits for our clients. No one goes into a deposition more prepared than Phil. He prides himself on knowing more about the facts of the case, the law, and the deponent than the deponent's counsel.

Part of Citron & Citron's international flare, Phil is originally from Ireland. He made his way to Los Angeles by way of Texas and New York.

Phil spends his leisure time golfing, staying connected with family, and traveling. Phil's travels have enabled him to maintain close relationships with family and friends all over the world, particularly in Ireland and Denmark.

JAMES L. LUMSDEN (ATTORNEY): James, our Canadian import, has been with Citron & Citron for more than 5 years. He has an outstanding understanding of the issues that arise in cases and is a master at locating and organizing documentation critical to any defense. He enjoys applying his scientific background to identify issues that need special attention. Opposing counsel are well advised not be deceived by his mild manner and even temperament while negotiating, taking depositions or making oral arguments in court.

James has attended the ABOTA trial school and is looking forward to applying that knowledge in the courtroom.

Like Tom, Joel, Kathy, Jackie, Phil and Sam, he is admitted to the Central District Federal Court.

James studied cinema as an undergraduate and is a good substitute for IMDb when the internet is down. When not watching movies, James competes in Ultimate Frisbee, rock-climbing, and surfing.

SAMUEL A. MANN (ATTORNEY): Before joining Citron and Citron in 2014, Sam had prior experiences in the realms of construction defect and family law working for prominent Orange County law firms. Sam and James went to law school together. The firm is eternally grateful to James for bringing Sam onto the Citron & Citron team. Sam thrives on the preparation and practice needed to provide a strong presentation at trial. His marketing background contributes to his ability to communicate information and ideas in a way that demands attention. His competitive nature and willingness to take on the role of the devil's advocate makes him an aggressive advocate always willing to think outside the box. Like all our attorneys, Sam enjoys focusing on the details while never forgetting the big picture. Sam is equally comfortable in the courtroom, the conference room, or the office.

Sam attended the ABOTA trial school to further sharpen his litigation skills.

Prior to going to law school, Sam gained practical hands on experience working in construction, electrical, and automotive repair. Utilizing the knowledge gained from these experiences, Sam contributes in the team's understanding of the technical aspects of cases involving products liability, construction defects, and best practices.

Even though married with four young children, Sam manages his time to allow for participation in the local lawyers' basketball league.

AUGUST A.P. BEAM (ATTORNEY): Gus joined Citron & Citron after graduating from McGeorge Law School. There is no limit to his willingness to jump in and master new skills. Gus' work ethic and personality is a perfect match for the Citron & Citron team.

Gus is proud to be a fourth generation attorney in a family that has dedicated itself to the legal profession for over 100 years.

His fiancée is an alumna of Keck School of Medicine of USC and tolerates his passion for baseball.