

## OVERVIEW

**THOMAS H. CITRON (MANAGING PARTNER):** Tom has been a trial attorney for over twenty years. He is a long time member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), and has served as an instructor and lecturer at ABOTA's trial school. 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 trial work. Having tried more than 40 cases to verdict, Tom has a keen sense of what appeals to judges and juries. 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.

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 hired and retained senior attorneys. One of the two is a seasoned litigator who once worked for a major insurance company as its AVP of E&O Claims. The other has strong first and third party insurance coverage background, as well as extensive appellate experience.

Tom and his wife Lainie have been married for more than twenty years and have a son, Andrew, and a daughter, Julia. The family enjoys being together whether it be travel, sports, or hanging out with friends.

**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. Joel and his wife Judy have been married for over fifty years. They have four children and 8 grandchildren.

**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 12 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.

**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 came joined 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.

**BRIANNE CASSIDY:** Brianne Cassidy is an associate attorney and has been on the civil litigation team at Citron & Citron since 2019. Brianne has handled a wide variety of legal matters including insurance defense, personal injury, habitability, premise liability, public entity defense, professional liability, products liability, and California Consumer Privacy Act consultation. She is an avid legal researcher and writer and handles many aspects of civil litigation from discovery to preparation for trial.

In law school, Brianne dedicated herself to obtaining a diverse legal education, law clerking for Earthjustice, Riverside County Counsel, and working in various clinics at Southwestern Law School. Additionally, she earned recognition for her contributions of community service to the public interest law field.

Education:

- Southwestern Law School, J.D. (2019)
- University of California, Riverside, B.A. (2016)

Admissions:

- California State Bar (2019)
- United States District Court for the Central District of California