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Thomas A. Demetrio of Corboy & Demetrio is a trial lawyer with an emphasis on medical negligence, product liability, airplane crash and commercial litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. He is Past President of the Chicago Bar Association and Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. He is a fellow of: The American College of Trial Lawyers (top 1% of trial lawyers in U.S.); The International Academy of Trial Lawyers (top 500 trial lawyers worldwide); and The Inner Circle of Advocates (top 100 plaintiff trial lawyers in U.S.).

Tom has been listed in Best Lawyers in America since 1987 and was named by Best Lawyers as the Chicago Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year for 2011. In 1990, Tom was named by the National Law Journal as one of the Nation's Top Ten Trial Lawyers. In 1999, Tom was listed first by the National Law Journal in its list of the top ten trial lawyers in Illinois. In 2014, the National Law Journal named Tom one of 50 litigation "Trailblazers and Pioneers."

Since 2003, Tom has been voted by his peers to be in the top ten of all lawyers in Illinois by the "Leading Lawyers Network," and since 2007, he has been named to be in the top five of the state's 90,000-plus lawyers by "Leading Lawyers Network." Since 2013, Tom has been selected as one of the Top Ten Personal Injury Lawyers in Illinois by Leading Lawyers. In 2016, he was selected as one of the Top Ten Consumer Lawyers, ranking third, and as one of the Top Ten Leading Lawyers in all practice areas in the entire state, ranking fifth. Since 2010, Tom has been named one of the Top 10 Illinois Super Lawyers out of more than 90,000 in the state, ranking first in 2017.

Since its inception in 2005, Lawdragon has named Tom every year as one of America's 500 leading attorneys in all fields and has described him as the "powerhouse" of aviation and medical negligence law. Lawdragon has said of Tom: "In the windy city, he's the name for everything from medical malpractice claims to aviation disasters. When tragedy strikes, the families of plane crash victims have no greater ally... Tom is Chicago's top trial lawyer and stands alone atop the Chicago trial bar."

Tom has done extensive teaching and lecturing worldwide in the field of trial techniques and has authored numerous continuing legal education articles in the field of civil litigation. In 2010, Tom was presented with two awards from the Illinois Jury Verdict Reporter/Law Bulletin

Publishing Company for Trial Lawyer Excellence: One for the largest wrongful death settlement ever in Illinois (\$25.25 million) and one for acquiring five or more verdicts in excess of \$5 million since 1990.

Tom has negotiated well over \$1 billion in settlements and acquired the largest personal injury verdict ever upheld by the Illinois Supreme Court. He has never lost an appeal. Tom is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. Tom is a longtime member of the law school's Board of Overseers and, since 2011, its Chairman. He was named one of "125 Alumni of Distinction" by the law school in November of 2013. He also serves as a member of the Boards of: Big Shoulders - Archdiocese of Chicago, the Center for Disability & Elder Law and the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago. He also serves on the Dispute Resolution Research Center Advisory Committee at the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University.

Tom is a past member of the Board of Trustees of IIT and the Board of the University of Notre Dame's Law School, St. Ignatius College Prep, Mundelein Seminary and the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, Center for Conflict Resolution. Tom is the founder of the Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth and funds the Thomas A. Demetrio Lend-A-Hand Award of Excellence annually, which is given to the most exemplary established Chicagoland area tutor/mentor program.