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#### ADMISSIONS

Commonwealth of Virginia  
District of Columbia

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#### EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame Law School,  
J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1995  
Editor-In-Chief, Notre Dame Law Review  
Farabaugh Prize for Scholarship in Law  
University of Notre Dame,  
B.A., *cum laude*,  
Government & Int'l Studies, 1992

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#### TEACHING

Adjunct Professor,  
Georgetown University Law Center,  
*Law in a New Media World*  
Guest Lecturer,  
McDonough School of Business,  
*Defending the Bottom Line*  
Instructor,  
University of Notre Dame Law School,  
*Intensive Trial Advocacy Program*  
Guest Lecturer,  
American University,  
*Journalism and New Media Seminar*

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#### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, American University  
*New York Times v. Sullivan After Fifty Years*  
CLE Programs,  
*Managing a Hostile Press*  
*Arbitration: Litigation Alternative & Risk Management Tools*  
D.C. Bar Pre-Trial Skills Series,  
*Taking and Defending Depositions;*  
*Getting The Most Out Of Your Deposition*

# Tom Clare

Tom's practice is devoted to litigating complex business disputes and vindicating clients against high-profile reputational attacks in print, broadcast, and online media outlets.

Prior to founding Clare Locke LLP, Tom was an equity partner at one of the nation's premier litigation firms. With more than 19 years experience handling high-stakes commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts across the country, he has acted as lead counsel and lead trial counsel in each of the following areas: defamation, invasion of privacy, bankruptcy adversary proceedings, contract disputes, fraudulent conveyance actions, product liability, international arbitration, asbestos liability, Uniform Commercial Code, securities, RICO, catastrophe litigation, insurance coverage, aviation, real estate development, data privacy, government enforcement and regulatory matters, and internal leak investigations.

In 2014 and 2015, Tom was named to the BTI Client Service A-Teams. He also was featured on *The National Law Journal's* "Defense Hot List" for the successful outcome he achieved as trial counsel for Nationwide Insurance Company in *Leonard vs. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company*, the first, precedent-setting Hurricane Katrina insurance coverage case to go to trial, against famed plaintiffs' lawyer Dickie Scruggs.

Tom is perhaps best known, however, for representing high-profile clients who are targeted in hostile media investigations or the subject of false statements in the press. He has handled defamation matters for Fortune 500 companies and prominent individuals, including CEOs, hedge-fund managers, university presidents, professional athletes and sports teams, celebrities, journalists, military officials, and other high-profile individuals who find themselves under attack by the media or other interests intent on damaging their reputations. Tom played a central role representing Chiquita in several highly-publicized matters involving the theft of voicemail messages by a reporter at the *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, resulting in a prominent front-page apology, a complete retraction of the news articles relying on the stolen voicemails, and a cash settlement to Chiquita in excess of \$10 million.

Tom currently represents UVA Associate Dean Nicole Eramo in her defamation lawsuit against *Rolling Stone* magazine relating to a highly publicized article falsely alleging the cover-up of an alleged gang rape on campus. Tom also represents former Penn State President Graham Spanier in his defamation case against Former FBI Director Louis Freeh relating to the controversial "Freeh Report" falsely accusing various university officials of enabling Jerry Sandusky's crimes.

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