

Speaker Biography



Thomas B. Leary

Thomas Leary rejoined Hogan & Hartson in February 2006 after six years as a commissioner at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). He brings more than 45 years of experience to the firm as an antitrust lawyer with a practice that focuses on high-profile antitrust, international competition, trade regulation, and consumer protection matters for a wide range of clients.

As an FTC commissioner, Tom's opinions, articles, and speeches made original contributions in important competition matters, such as the application of the antitrust laws to the healthcare industry, the antitrust/intellectual property interface, the consistent enforcement of the merger laws, improvements in the merger review process, and refinement of the role of efficiencies. He also represented the FTC in policy discussions with competition authorities from a number of countries, including China and Russia. On the consumer protection side, Tom played a significant role in the development and subsequent enforcement of the "Do Not Call" rule and testified before Congress several times on privacy and security issues.

Prior to joining the FTC, Tom was a partner with Hogan & Hartson from 1983 to 1999. Before coming to the firm, he was a partner in a major New York law firm and assistant general counsel of General Motors with overall responsibility for antitrust, consumer protection, and commercial law matters. During that time, he tried major cases in the federal district courts and the FTC, regularly handled appeals in the federal courts of appeals and U.S. Supreme Court, and represented clients in numerous state and federal/Congressional matters. He also counseled corporations on all areas of antitrust and trade regulation law.

Tom gave more than 100 speeches while at the FTC and has published extensively about antitrust law, attorney client privilege, corporate compliance programs, and other problems of corporate practice in the *Antitrust Law Journal*, the *Business Lawyer*, and various trade publications. While in law school, he was an editor and an officer of the *Harvard Law Review*. Tom also served as an air intelligence officer of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.