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Thomas M. Armstrong joined Reid and Riege in 1996. Prior to joining the firm, he served as Remediation Counsel for the General Electric Company. He has more than twenty-five years experience in his practice areas which include environmental, real estate, litigation, worker safety and arbitration. In the environmental practice area, Tom represents clients in matters involving administrative, civil and criminal enforcement, remediation, solid and hazardous waste, permits and application of environmental and health and safety (OSHA) laws on businesses and employees. His work on remediation projects involves a broad range of contaminants including petroleum, solvents, metals, polychlorinated biphenyls and pesticides. Tom's real estate practice includes representation of clients in the purchase and sale of businesses, contaminated or Brownfields properties, mergers and acquisitions, due diligence investigations, zoning and wetlands compliance, alternative energy and "Smart Growth" projects and before land use agencies including local planning, zoning and wetlands boards, coastal commissions and the Connecticut Siting Council and Army Corps of Engineers. His litigation practice involves defense of environmental civil and criminal enforcement government actions, and private party and land use disputes. In 2005, he successfully argued *Cadlerock Properties Joint Venture, Ltd. Partnership v. Schilberg*, 35 ELR 20150, a case of first impression in Connecticut on predecessor liability. Tom also served as an arbitrator in several multi-party Superfund cases and under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Pilot Program. He has been retained to provide environmental opinion testimony in several cases.

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association, Environmental Law Section, Chairman (1995-1996)
- Hartford County Bar Association, Environmental Section, Chairman
- American Bar Association, Toxic and Environmental Litigation Subsection, Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment Section, Co-Chairman (1988-1990)
- New Haven County Bar Association
- Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, Board Member

Admissions

- State of Connecticut, 1973
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (*cum laude*), 1973
- Westminster College, B.A., 1968

Practice Areas

- Commercial Real Estate
- Environmental
- Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Arbitration and Mediation
- Environmental & Commercial Real Estate Litigation
- Environmental Insurance
- Land Use
- Land Use, Wetlands & Coastal Matters
- Litigation & Administrative Proceedings
- Real Estate & Business Transactions

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- Connecticut Business and Industry Association, Environmental Policy Council
- Connecticut Water Works Association
- Water Pollution Control Authority for the Town of Avon
- Connecticut Council of Small Towns, Associate Member
- Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys
- Connecticut Green Building Council
- Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities
- Real Estate Finance Association of Connecticut
- Member of a number of advisory, community and environmental organizations, including the Advisory Council on the Environment, Clean Sites Coalition and High Noon

Community Involvement and Other Pursuits

Since 1973, Tom has been active in the American Heart Association, serving as the Chairman of the Connecticut Affiliate from 1993 to 1995 and more recently on the Business Operations Committee for the Tri-State area. In 2001, he was awarded the Community Volunteer of the Year Award for his work on the Avon Rails to Trails project. Tom served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1969 to 1971.

Distinction

Tom has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Environmental Law.

Publications

Tom has published several articles in the *Toxic Law Reporter*, *Environmental Law & Practice* and *Compliance and Litigation Strategy* on various topics including litigation, arbitration and settlement strategy, Connecticut Transfer Act and Professional Environmental Engineers.

Speaking Engagements

Tom has lectured or chaired more than 30 seminar and webinar programs of the Practising Law Institute, Lorman Education Services, National Business Institute, Connecticut Bar Association and other organizations on environmental, litigation, real estate, business, OSHA and other professional matters including director and officer liability, environmental insurance, tax treatment of environmental projects and Brownfields/clean energy funding.