

## BIOGRAPHY

Thomas A. Finley  
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(a) Born December 22, 1940. Admitted to practice in the State of Iowa; specifically in the State Courts and the Federal District Court, as well as the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

(b) Attended both undergraduate and law school at the University of Iowa.

(c) Member of the Polk County Bar Association, Iowa State Bar Association.

(d) Former Chairman of the State Professional, Ethics and Conduct Committee; former Chairman of the State Professionalism Committee; Board of Governors of the Polk County Bar Association; member of the Iowa Defense Counsel Association; Iowa Academy; the Association of Trial Lawyers; Defense Research Institute; former member of the Claims Review Committee of Midwest Medical Insurance Company; Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; former State Chairman of the U. S. Supreme Court Historical Society.

(e) Senior partner in the firm of Finley, Alt, Smith, Scharnberg, Craig, Hilmes & Gaffney, P.C. f/k/a Duncan, Jones, Riley & Finley, P.C.

(f) Frequent lecturer to the various trial lawyer groups and associations nationally, in Iowa, as well as the Polk County Medical Society and Iowa Medical Society. Many of the papers have been in the general area of trial practice with special emphasis and several articles prepared in the field of defense of professional liability litigation (medical, legal), general trial as well as business and corporate litigation. Author of many articles on the subject of medical malpractice. Member of the Iowa Bar Committee studying Model Rules of Ethics.

(g) Past member of Prison Reform Committee, County Library Committee; member Committee on Medical Malpractice of the DRI; past member of the Governor's Birth Defects Institute Advisory Committee.

(h) Special Master appointed by the Iowa Supreme Court to hold

hearings, take evidence and make a recommendation to the Iowa Supreme Court concerning lawyer advertising and solicitation.

(i) Tried to conclusion over ninety medical malpractice jury cases, and many other professional negligence cases, general products liability cases, automobile cases, contract cases, business, corporate and partnership litigation matters, and other tort and insurance law-related cases.

(j) In the last few years, I have served as a mediator in all areas of civil litigation including but not limited to: Insurance Coverage, Personal Injury Claims, Probate Issues, Employment Cases, Legal Malpractice, Medical Malpractice and Construction Law.

(k) Has argued cases on appeal in both the Iowa Supreme Court and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

(l) Former member of St. Augustin's School Board of Education (3 years); member Board of Directors of Children's Convalescent Home (6 years); member Christian Family Movement; Religious Education Director St. Augustin's Church (3 years); Division Director Iowa Heart Association Drive (3 years); member Partners with Youth YMCA; coach in Little League Football, Soccer and Baseball (various years).

(m) Recognition in Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Litigation; Strathmore's Who's Who (Biography Lawyer of the Month for April 2007); The Best Lawyers in America; V.I.P. Member of The Global Directory of Who's Who (Top Lawyers of 2010); Universal Who's Who; Fellow of the American Society of Commerce.