

Samuel Anderson Thumma, Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One

Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals in 2012, Sam served for nearly five years as a Judge on the Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County, on Criminal and Juvenile rotations, where he presided over more than 225 trials and 30 lower court appeals. He co-chairs the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on the Arizona Rules of Evidence; is co-editor of the ARIZONA APPELLATE HANDBOOK and is a member of the Arizona Uniform State Laws Commission and the Arizona Judicial Conference Planning Committee. He has served as co-chair of Arizona Superior Court New Judge Orientation and on the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on Judicial Education & Training.

Sam is an Advisor to the American Law Institute's RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW (THIRD) OF TORTS: LIABILITY FOR ECONOMIC LOSS. His current American Bar Association activities include serving on the Judicial Division Ethics & Professionalism and Appellate Judges Conference Ethics & Professionalism Committees. He has served as a Presidential appointee to the Judges' Advisory Committee of the Committee on Ethics & Professional Responsibility as well as Arizona delegate to the National Conference of State Trial Judges and co-editor of the Litigation Section Pretrial Practice & Discovery Committee Newsletter. Sam serves on the State Bar of Arizona's Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct and has chaired both the Civil Practice & Procedure and Fee Arbitration Committees. He has taught as an Adjunct Professor at the Arizona State University College of Law and has presented at more than 120 national, state and local seminars on topics including appellate advocacy, evidence, ethics, electronic discovery, damages, deposition skills and expert testimony. He has authored 8 law review, and more than 30 other, published articles.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Sam was a partner at Perkins Coie Brown & Bain, P.A., in Phoenix, where he served on the Phoenix Office Management Committee; a partner and associate at Brown & Bain, P.A., Phoenix and an associate at Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. He served as a law clerk for Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Stanley G. Feldman and Judge David R. Hansen, United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. Sam graduated Order of the Coif, with high honors, from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1988, where he was a Note & Comment Editor on the IOWA LAW REVIEW, and graduated from Iowa State University in Agricultural Journalism in 1984, where he was the Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholar from Iowa.