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PRACTICE AREAS

- Restrictive Covenants and Trade Secret Protection

ACTIVITIES

PRACTICE FOCUS

Ian Thomas is a competitive, yet affable attorney in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group at Offit Kurman. Being a client of Ian's means being supported by the hardest working person in the room. He works diligently to find creative solutions to his clients' legal issues that are cost effective and result oriented.

Ian frequently litigates matters concerning real estate, business disputes, and employee mobility/trade secret. Ian also has extensive experience defending businesses from government enforcement actions and from consumer protection claims. In doing so, Ian has gained extensive trial experience and has fully briefed and argued appeals in several state courts and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

As an experienced litigator, Ian understands the circumstances that generally lead to litigation. By recognizing how businesses end up in litigation, Ian is able to advise clients on the necessary steps to take to avoid involvement in a lawsuit in the first place. To that end, Ian frequently serves as a pragmatic advisor to a variety of businesses on how to manage risk and how to avoid lawsuits and other legal action.

Coupled with his competitive drive, Ian also has a passion for sports. This passion for sports has led him to develop a separate practice area in the realm of sports betting. In doing so, Ian has been closely monitoring the implementation of sports wagering in various jurisdictions throughout the country to better understand the lay of the land as the industry develops. He frequently blogs on the sport betting industry and its development, particularly in the District of Columbia.

Before joining Offit Kurman, Ian was an associate at a well-regarded, boutique law firm in Bethesda, Maryland, where he developed and honed his skills as a litigator and an advisor. Prior to moving to Washington, D.C., he served as a judicial law clerk to Honorable Martha Royster in the New Jersey Superior Court after receiving his law degree from New York Law School.

Outside of the courtroom, Ian stays active in the community by engaging in pro bono work, running 10-12 miles/week, and playing on various intermural sports teams. By all means, it is safe to say that Ian is a hard worker in all regards of life and the law.

> ***"I like to think that I practice law for my clients, not for personal accolades. The only award or recognition I need is a happy client for whom I was able to obtain the best possible result."***
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> **— Ian Thomas**

EDUCATION

- New York Law School (New York, NY) 2012, JD, magna cum laude
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ADMISSIONS

- United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
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