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### OVERVIEW

#### THOMAS A. ADRIAN

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Thomas Adrian is a Senior Counsel attorney at Hinkle Law Firm, focusing in estate planning and probate. Beyond his focus in estate planning, Mr. Adrian brings extensive knowledge in healthcare, farm law, and water law.

Throughout his career, Mr. Adrian has been honored by numerous reputable organizations for his outstanding service and dedication to the community. In 2001, the Kansas Bar Association presented him with the 'Outstanding Service Award' for his contributions to the legal profession. He received this award again in 2014 in recognition of his exceptional work, leadership, and charitable efforts.

Based in North Newton, Kansas, Mr. Adrian is a dedicated community leader, actively serving on various boards. In 1988, the Newton Area Chamber of Commerce named him 'Citizen of the Year' for his long-standing and exceptional community service.

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- American Health Law Association
- Assistant County Attorney, Harvey County, Kansas, 1974 - 1975
- Best Lawyers 'Best Lawyers in America'
  - 2013 (Trusts and Estates)
- Bethel College Board
  - Chair, 2021 - 2023
- Central National Bank
  - Member
  - Board of Directors, 1994 - 2018

### PRACTICE AREAS

- > Elder Law & Guardian and Conservatorships
- > Estate Planning & Probate
- > Healthcare Law
- > Nonprofit Tax Exempt
- > Probate and Trust Administration
- > Water Law

### EDUCATION

- > Washburn University School of Law, J.D., 1969
- > Washburn University, B.S., Business Administration, 1966

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- > United States District Court, District of Kansas
- > United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- > United States Supreme Court

- Council of Finance and Administration for Kansas West United Methodist Conference
  - Member, 1992 - 2000
  - President, 1998 - 2000
- Harvey County Bar Association
  - President, 1990 - 1991
- Kansas Association of Hospital Attorneys
- Kansas Bar Association
  - Continuing Legal Education Committee, 1994 - Present
  - 'Outstanding Service Award,' 2001, 2014
  - Professional Insurance Task Force
  - Solo and Small Firm Section President, 1996 - 1997
- Kansas Bar Foundation
  - Board of Trustees, 1999 - 2005
  - Platinum Fellow
  - President, 2004
  - Robert K. Weary Award Recipient, 2014
- Kansas Hospital Association
  - 'Trustee of the Year,' 1994
- Law Day for the Kansas Bar
  - Chairman, 1972
- — Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- Newton Area Chamber of Commerce
  - 'Outstanding Citizen of the Year,' 1998
- Newton Medical Center
  - Chairman, 1987 - 1993
  - Board of Trustees, 1987 - 1993
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Washburn University School of Law
  - Board of Governors
  - 'Distinguished Service Award,' 2024
- Wichita Bar Association

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Litigating the Myriad of Harms Caused by Diffused Surface Water*. Journal of the Kansas Association for Justice. May 2012. Co-author.
- *Bed, Bank & Beyond: Streambed Regulation in Kansas*. The Journal of the Kansas Bar Association. March 2015. Co-author.

## SIGNIFICANT CASES

- Estate of Pallister, 13 Kan. App. 2d 337 (1989).