

Thomas F. Brier Jr. | Associate
Litigation

One Logan Square
Philadelphia, PA 19103
+1.215.569.5453
tbrier@blankrome.com



Thomas Brier concentrates his practice on various general litigation matters.

Prior to joining the Firm, Tom served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas I. Vanaskie of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He also served as a judicial extern to Judge Vanaskie and to the Honorable John F. Cherry of the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas, as well as a legislative intern to Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.

In 2020, Tom ran for U.S. Congress as a Democratic candidate in Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, winning the largest county in the District by a 60/40 margin and setting several fundraising records.

Tom is the author of *While Reason Slept*, a highly acclaimed book about the philosophical origins of the American Revolution. He is also a contributing columnist with the *Pennsylvania Capital-Star* and has published several journal and newspaper articles on issues related to cybersecurity, privacy, biometric data, immigration, and cryptocurrency.

During law school, Tom was the only student invited to participate at a cybersecurity conference in Washington, D.C., where he presented a paper to various cybersecurity experts and high-ranking officials at the Federal Communications Commission. The paper, titled *Defining the Limits of Governmental Access to Personal Data Stored in the Cloud: An Analysis and Critique of Microsoft Ireland*, was later published in Penn State's *Journal of Information Policy*.

Tom was voted by his classmates to be the Penn State Law commencement speaker, was the 2017 recipient of the Joseph Leyburn Kramer Award, and is a

proud member of the Penn State Alumni Association.

Outside The Firm

Tom enjoys spending time with family and friends and cheering on Philadelphia sports teams. In his spare time, he can usually be found playing basketball, listening to podcasts, reading nonfiction, or watching reruns of *The Wire*.

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court - Middle District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- NAACP of Greater Harrisburg

Education

- Dickinson College, BA
- Penn State University, Dickinson School of Law, JD

Professional Activities

- Philadelphia READS
- Greater Harrisburg Area NAACP
- MLK Institute