

# Cozen O'Connor Attorney Thomas G. Wilkinson Speaks at ABA Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute

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Cozen O'Connor member Thomas G. Wilkinson recently served as a panelist for "Breaking Impasse in Mediation" at the American Bar Association's (ABA) 7th Annual Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute. Tom and other panelists presented practice pointers on how to avoid impasse in mediating difficult cases. The Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute is a comprehensive program for mediators, litigators, judges and in-house counsel that utilizes faculty to present the latest research, best practices, new approaches and core competencies in the field.

A member in the firm's Philadelphia office, Tom heads the alternative dispute resolution practice and is a member of the commercial litigation group. He concentrates his practice in business litigation, business torts, complex insurance coverage and professional responsibility matters. He is a member of the panel of Commerce Program Judges Pro Tempore of the Civil Trial Division in Philadelphia County.

Tom is the immediate past president of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the educational arm of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the largest non-profit provider of continuing legal education in the state. In addition, he is co-chair of the state civil litigation section of the Philadelphia Bar Association and is a member of the American Bar Association's litigation section.

A resident of Haverford, Pa., Tom earned his undergraduate degree from the University of New Hampshire (B.A., 1978) and his law degree from Villanova University Law School (J.D., 1981), where he was managing editor of the *Villanova Law Review*. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at the law school and membership chair for the Villanova Law Inn of Court.