

# THOMAS R. KLINE

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Doubtlessly, Tom Kline is being honored for his more than three decades of extraordinary verdicts in catastrophic injury cases and his leadership in the refinement of tort law and practice, which continues in full bloom as this is being published. Tom is universally recognized as one of the nation's preeminent trial lawyers, as exemplified by his election as president of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an invitation-only group limited to America's 100 finest plaintiffs trial attorneys.

But behind and beyond the verdicts and jurisprudence is a man of sensitivity, judgment and wisdom, with an abiding social purpose and an unwavering public commitment. Tom Kline has used his cases to achieve broad and deep safety reforms, from SEPTA's escalators to physicians' practices to hospitals' policies. Tom helped to shape our distinguished federal bench for 23 years as a member—and for 12 years as chairman—of the Federal Judicial Selection Nominating Commission. He is helping to lead a new generation of law-

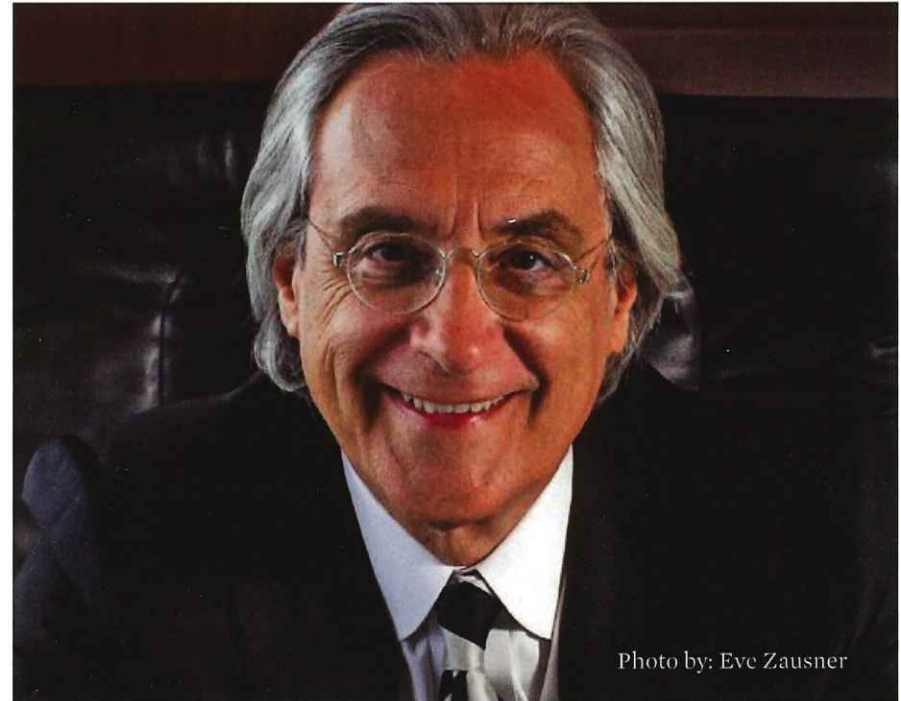


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yers as chairman of the board of trustees at Drexel University School of Law. And Tom is counted on to provide guidance and wisdom for some of the most difficult problems facing our most—and least—empowered citizens.

Tom Kline is the archetype of the 21st century's Philadelphia lawyer, and one of the greatest figures in Pennsylvania's storied legal history.

— *Shanin Specter*