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Thomas R. Kline is a founding partner with Shanin Specter in the Philadelphia law firm of Kline & Specter, P.C., practicing in the area of personal injury litigation. In more than three decades, Kline has forged an incomparable record of courtroom victories and received a litany of accolades. He has been featured in hundreds of television appearances and newspaper and magazine articles.

Kline is the immediate past president of the Inner Circle of Advocates, described by *The Washington Post* as "a select group of 100 of the nation's most celebrated trial lawyers." Over the past six consecutive years Kline has been selected as the No. 1 lawyer in Pennsylvania by Super Lawyers. He also is among the top 500 "Leading Lawyers in America" in all practice areas as chosen by the independent survey group Lawdragon, which also dubbed Kline "the leading personal injury plaintiffs' lawyer in Pennsylvania." The publication *Best Lawyers* selected Kline as Philadelphia Personal Injury Litigator of the Year for 2009. And recently, Kline received national recognition by being named to the *National Law Journal's* Winners Hall of Fame.

Tom Kline has had scores of seven- and eight-figure jury verdicts and settlements. Following the highly publicized Hall v. SEPTA case, which resulted in a \$51 million verdict for a little boy whose foot was torn off in a subway escalator, he was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of "Ten of America's Top Litigators." The first among his early large jury verdicts was a \$5.1 million award in 1983, then the largest compensatory Dalkon Shield verdict in the United States.

Some of Kline's other better-known cases are:

- A \$33.1 million jury award by a Lehigh County jury in *Welteroth v. Spectrascan* to the estate of a woman late diagnosed with breast cancer.
- *Borkowski v. Russo, M.D.*, a case in which a jury awarded \$15 million to a Down Syndrome child injured during heart surgery.
- The *Dagmar Lackman* case in which a Montgomery County jury handed down a multi-million dollar verdict for the estate of a woman who died of breast cancer after a doctor misread her mammogram. The case was featured on the ABC program *Nightline*.
- A \$40.5 million settlement for six people killed and others injured in an explosion and fire at the Village Green apartment complex in Hatboro, Pa.



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- A \$36.4 million settlement with Motiva Enterprises for the death of a worker in an explosion at one of its oil refineries. The settlement was believed to be the largest-ever in the nation for a single worker death.
- A \$29.6 million settlement for three women who were killed and others who were injured in the May 2000 collapse of Pier 34 on the Delaware River, in which Kline was co-lead counsel.

A few years ago Kline won a \$6.6 million jury verdict in an Indiana County medical malpractice case, the largest-ever in the county. And last year he did the same with a \$3.2 million settlement for the husband of a Wayne County, Pa., woman who was killed when her car struck a piece of farming equipment that broke loose from an oncoming truck. Recently, Kline won a \$5.5 million jury verdict for the family of an 18-year-old man fatally shot while working as a parking lot attendant at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Kline was – as *The Wall Street Journal* stated – a "key player" in the national Vioxx litigation. He was a member of the Plaintiff's Steering Committee directing the federal MDL proceedings against Merck & Co. and took the testimony of top Merck executives and independent scientists which became pivotal in a number of verdicts and ultimately the nationwide \$4.85 billion Vioxx settlement.

Kline has served for more than a decade as chairman of the Federal Judicial Nominating Commission for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

He is listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Kline received an A.B. from Albright College and has been awarded the college's Distinguished Alumni Award. He holds an M.A. from Lehigh University and earned his J.D. from Duquesne University, where he won the Distinguished Student Award on graduation and the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Kline was a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas W. Pomeroy of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

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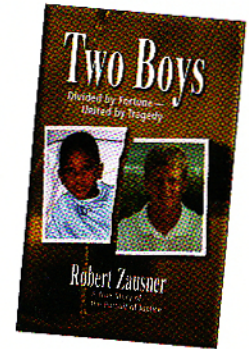
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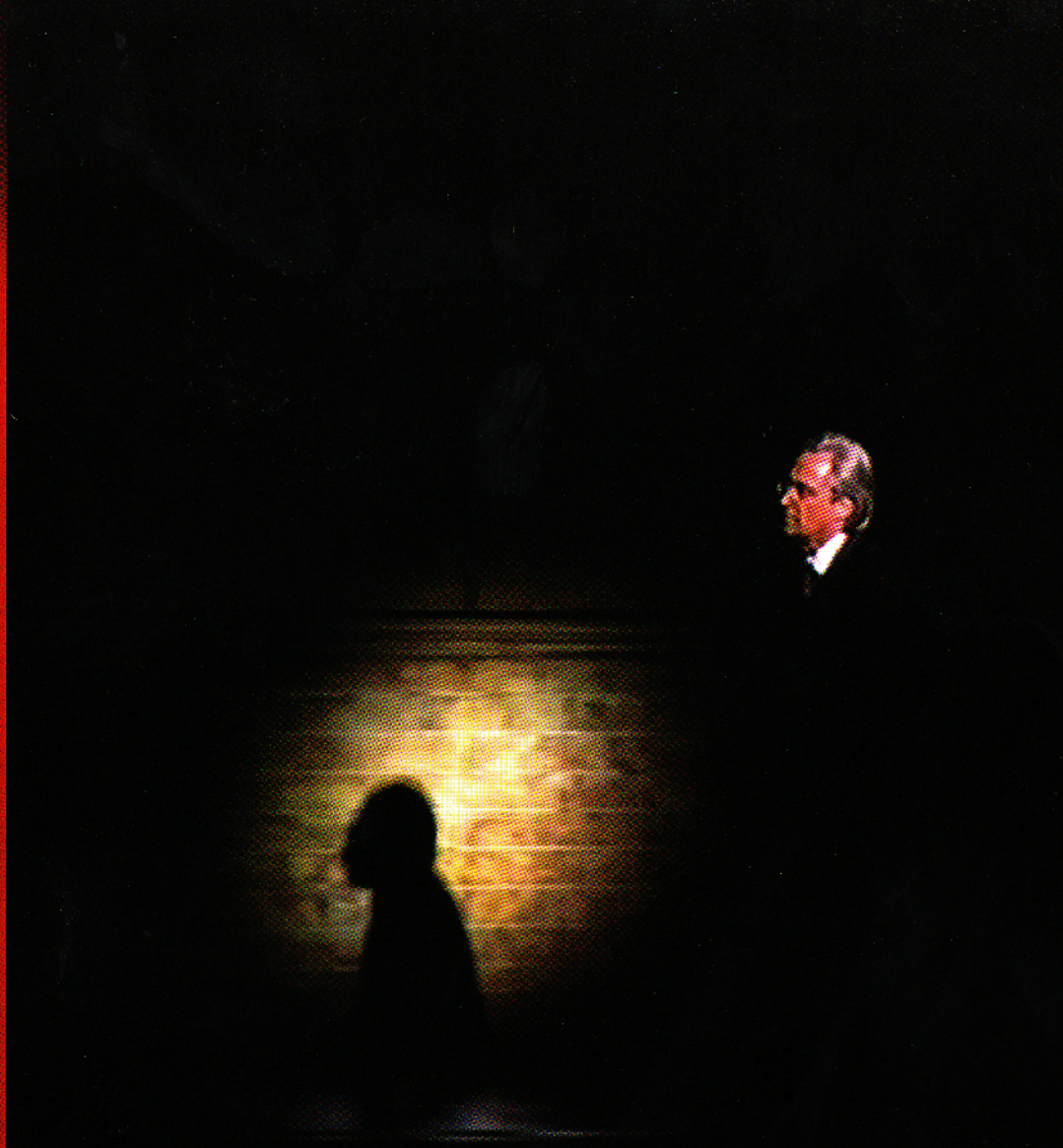
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