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Ian Thomas is a dedicated and approachable principal attorney in the Commercial Litigation Practice Group at Offit Kurman. Known for his competitive drive and commitment to client success, Ian consistently delivers innovative, cost-effective legal strategies tailored to achieving optimal outcomes for his clients.

Ian litigates business-to-business disputes and government enforcement actions. These matters include disputes involving real estate, consumer protection claims, and claims relating to employee mobility and trade secrets. As a commercial litigator, Ian has extensive trial experience across several jurisdictions throughout the country, with expertise in the District of Columbia and Maryland. In addition to his experience as a trial lawyer, Ian is also known as a seasoned appellate advocate, where he has received published decisions in multiple jurisdictions and has been involved in making significant developments to the law in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Beyond his litigation practice, Ian has a growing practice that focuses on representing companies that are active in the gaming industry, including those that are focused in the e-sports, sports wagering, and iGaming spaces. His gaming practice leverages his litigation and regulatory experience to allow him to serve as a key advisor on a diverse set of issues, including governance, complex regulatory requirements, licensing, and compliance. Ian's clients include local, domestic, and international startups, operators, suppliers, innovators, and other participants in the gaming field. Ian closely monitors domestic and global trends in gaming law and frequently shares insights in industry publications and conferences on the latest proposed legislation and legal developments.

Ian received his law degree, magna cum laude, from New York Law School and remains active with the school's alumni association. Outside the courtroom, Ian stays active in the community by engaging in pro bono work and playing a variety of team sports.

Education

- New York Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
- Loyola University New Orleans (B.A., *cum laude*)

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Sports, Entertainment and Media
- Restrictive Covenants and Trade Secret Protection

State Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- New York

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL), Member
 - Responsible Gaming Committee, Chair
- William B. Bryant Inn of Court, Member
- Maryland State Bar Association, Member
- District of Columbia Bar Association, Member
- Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland, Member
- New York State Bar Association, Member
- Barristers

Recognitions

- Named *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation (2024-2025)
- Washington Business Journal 40 Under 40 (2024)

Publications & News

May 6, 2025

Offit Kurman Attorney Ian Thomas to Speak at SBC Summit Americas Masterclass

May 5, 2025

Ian Thomas Appointed Chair of International Masters of Gaming Law's (IMGL) Responsible Gaming Committee

October 25, 2024

Ian Thomas Admitted as Member to International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL)

April 11, 2024

Ian Thomas Weighs in on Sports Gambling Regulation in SportsHandle Article

April 11, 2024

Offit Kurman's Ian Thomas to Speak on Gaming Law Ethics at IMGL Spring 2024 Conference

February 1, 2024

40 Under 40: Washington Business Journal Recognizes Ian Thomas

Featured Works

Publications

- ["NY Federal Court Won't Shield Kalshi from State Gaming Regulators," New York Law Journal, quoted, July 8, 2026](#)
- ["Online Betting Co. Beefs Up Penalties for Harassing Athletes," Law360, quoted, February 3, 2026](#)
- ["College Gambling Busts Show That Getting Caught Is Easy," Law360, quoted, January 16, 2026](#)
- ["The Top Sports & Betting Cases To Watch In 2026," Law360, quoted, January 2, 2026](#)
- ["NBA Betting Scandal A Wake-Up Call For Leagues, Industry," Law360, quoted, October 24, 2025](#)
- On-camera Interview, ["2026 budget proposal includes act to bring poker, blackjack and other gambling games to DC," ABC7News, May 29, 2025](#)
- ["DC mayor looks to bet on poker, blackjack and bingo to grow city's revenue - WTOP News," May 30, 2025](#)

Speaking Engagements

- "SVC Americas Prediction Markets – Cross-Border Legal Challenges and the Role of Gaming Regulation," Panel Speaker. The Americas Summit, June 10, 2026
- ["Responsible Gambling: Practical Approaches in a Rapidly Evolving Landscape," Panel Moderator, International Masters of Gaming Law G2E Masterclasses, October 6, 2025](#)
- ["Problem Gaming, Problem Drinking, and Ethics in Gaming Law," Panelist, International Masters of Gaming Law \(IMGL\) Spring 2024 Conference, April 2024](#)

Videos

Breakfast Bar Speaker Series Recap - September 2019