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Dr. Thompson has served leadership roles in multiple medical organizations. He has been director of Retina Subspecialty Day in 2007, chair of the Annual Meeting Program Subcommittee for Retina, Vitreous, Uveitis, and Intraocular Inflammation from 2010–2013, and AAO councilor representing Maryland from 2009–2014. He received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Life Achievement Honor Award in 2009 and Secretariat Awards in 2014, 2019 and 2024. He received the ASRS Founder's Award in 2017 and ASRS Kirk Packo Award in 2024. Dr. Thompson was an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology from 2001 to 2022 and has been an advisor to the AMA Relative Value System Update Committee (RUC) representing ASRS since 2013. He was president of the Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons from 2003–2004, president of the Baltimore City Medical Society in 2008, president of the American Society of Retina Specialists from 2012–2014 and president of The Foundation of the American Society of Retina Specialists from 2014–2016. He was President of The Johns Hopkins Medical and Surgical Association from 2017–2019. He is current president of The Retina Hall of Fame. Dr. Thompson has been a co-author on more than 140 papers, editorials and book chapters with a focus on vitreoretinal surgery. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of *Retina*, *Ophthalmology*, *Ophthalmology Retina* and Associate Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of VitreoRetinal Diseases*.