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Tom is a corporate attorney who uniquely understands the needs and challenges of business owners and entrepreneurs, because he is one. He knows first-hand the obstacles to growing a successful business, which enables him to focus on helping his business clients grow and succeed and sets him apart from the typical corporate attorney.

Whether working with a startup, becoming involved with a growth-by-acquisition plan with a new client, working on a real property leasing or debt financing, or formulating and executing an exit plan, Tom brings his experience in the business world and business law to each client as they work together to obtain the best outcome for the present situation and years to come. He understands preparing for the businesses entire lifecycle is just as important as the issues presenting challenges today.

Tom offers a full range of corporate legal services, including working with clients on a wide variety of transactional and business matters, negotiating and closing sales and purchases of businesses and business assets, raising capital through commercial and private sources, and negotiating and drafting a range of transactional, financial and operating contracts. Previously a litigator, he recognizes the potential for litigation matters and works diligently to keep his clients out of court.

In addition, he represents clients in many different industries, including natural resources, such as coal, oil, and gas; automotive; banking; hospitality; beer, wine, and spirits; health care; telecommunications; and land development.

Tom offers clients and potential clients a business growth assessment designed to help businesses take stock of where they are and identify where and how they want to grow. He then offers strategies or pathways to help them attain that growth. After a short interview designed to learn the current business and the goals and challenges of its owners or managers, he and his team review financials, agreements, and other relevant data, which enables them to generate several strategies the business can undertake itself or with outside professional help. He can even help make connections with the appropriate professionals to put the plan into action and work toward new successes.

Services

- Corporate & Transactional
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Education

- Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville (J.D., 2000)
 - Brandeis Law Journal, articles editor
 - National Moot Court team
- University of Kentucky (B.S., 1995)
 - Political Science

Bar Admissions

- Kentucky

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

Affiliations/Memberships

- Kentucky Bar Association
- Fayette County Bar Association
- Lexington Children's Theatre, Board of Directors (2008 - 2018)

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*®
 - Corporate Law (2024)