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Thomas Cooper's practice is focused on tax planning, trust and estate planning and administration, business succession, and transactional and business matters that arise in connection with the acquisition, ownership, and operation of closely held businesses.

Thomas supports clients' existing and prospective business interests, including representing family offices and independent sponsors in their acquisitions of closely held businesses and other investments, advising on capital structures and prospective liquidity events, business succession planning for family members and key employees such as buy/sell and equity compensation arrangements, business operations and family office structures, and life insurance arrangements. He regularly works with business owners and investors and their related family members, c-level executives and other business operators, accountants, wealth managers, corporate fiduciaries, life insurance providers, and family office advisors in arriving at comprehensive, creative, and practical solutions to achieve his clients' objectives.

Thomas' estate planning and trust and estate administration practice focuses on advising on, implementing, and administering estate plans and trust arrangements. This aspect of his practice works in tandem with sophisticated estate, gift, generation-skipping, and income tax planning, including the use of family limited partnerships and limited liability companies, family office investment vehicles, irrevocable trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs), and charitable planning. He has particular experience advising owners of family offices, principals of private equity and hedge funds, and founders of venture capital-backed companies with the unique aspects of estate and tax planning involving their business interests.

Capabilities

Closely Held Business & Tax Planning

Family Office & Private Investment

Independent Sponsor

International Estate Planning

Nonprofit Organizations & Charitable Giving

Search Fund

Tax

Trust, Estate, Tax & Fiduciary Disputes

Wealth, Trust & Estate Planning

Education

J.D., Emory University, with honors; Managing Editor, Emory Law Journal

B.A., University of Virginia

Admissions

North Carolina

Texas

Notable

- *Best Lawyers in America,* Trusts and Estates "Ones to Watch," 2021-2022

Other Areas of Law

Corporate
Finance