

Thomas C. Hoffman, II



Thomas C. Hoffman, II has represented thousands of businesses and high net worth individuals during his career as a lawyer and CPA. He has helped plan hundreds of business successions, for a diverse group of clients, including entrepreneurs engaged in manufacturing, oil & gas, timber, publishing and other industries in more than 15 states.

Mr. Hoffman often uses atypical approaches seeking the best possible solution for clients' complex ambitions and circumstances. He works closely as a team with clients' accountants, bankers, insurance agents and wealth management advisors, aspiring to provide high quality, seamless client care. He also taps into his own working group of key strategic legal and tax advisors, including former IRS agents who bring an even broader base of knowledge and experience to bear on clients' more unusual matters.

Mr. Hoffman concentrates his practice on closely held business planning, business succession planning, implementation of sophisticated estate and trust planning, administration of complex estates and trusts, and the tax consequences of these matters.

In business successions, Mr. Hoffman knows how to ask tough, devil's advocate questions on whether a successor to the business will have the right skills to replace the seller's abilities and maintain a profitable business. He also knows how to communicate difficult or thorny issues in clear, plain English. When needed, he has represented clients before the IRS in federal income, estate and gift tax cases.

He began his career as a CPA with Ernst & Young in Pittsburgh from 1990 to 1993.

Practice Concentration

- Estate Planning
- Business Succession Planning
- Tax Law
- Business Law
- Corporate Law

Firm Involvement

- Shareholder
- Estate Planning & Administration Group, Chairman
- Finance Committee

Admissions & Certifications

- Pennsylvania, 1991
- PA Supreme Court, 1991
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 1991
- Certified Public Accountant, 1993
- U.S. Tax Court, 1997

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Tax Section Member, Real Property & Probate Section Member
- Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Tax Division Member
- Knox Tax Institute®, Founder

Education

- i University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA, 1991, J.D.
- i Pennsylvania State University, 1988, B.S., Accounting

Speaking Engagements

- i 2009 Tax Practitioners Institute, Alaska Association of Tax Consultants
- i Knox Tax Institute®

Community & Professional Service

- i Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, Board of Directors, Treasurer, Executive Committee Member
- i Estate Planning Council of Erie, Past President
- i Erie County Public Library Foundation, Board Member, Treasurer
- i Penn State Behrend, Council of Fellows Member
- i The Foundation for Sustainable Forestry, Board Member, Secretary

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