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EDUCATION

Ohio University, B.S., cum laude, 1985

LAW SCHOOL

University of Kentucky College of Law, J.D.,
1988

BAR ADMISSIONS

Commonwealth of Kentucky
State of Ohio

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

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business Litigation
Construction
Design & Construction
Economic Development Incentives
Economic Development Services
Employment and ERISA Litigation
Intellectual Property Disputes
Litigation
Litigation (Construction)
Start-Ups
Trust & Estate Litigation
Trust, Estate, and Fiduciary Litigation

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Family Nurturing Center - Emeritus
Northern Kentucky Tri-ED Entrepreneurship
Committee - Chair
Northern Kentucky Tri-ED Foundation -
Board Member
UpTech Inc. - President and Board Chair
REDI Cincinnati - Board of Directors
Northern Kentucky Chamber - Board
Member

Asked what he does, Tom says "I keep clients out of trouble. And if they've already got a problem, I fix it." In that way, Tom has been a fixer for nearly 35 years.

Tom counsels business owners, CEOs, and General Counsel on not just legal but difficult business issues. From startup and entity formation to strategy, contracting and deal structuring, Tom serves the trusted advisor role well. As an accomplished trial attorney, Tom knows the importance of sound advice on the front end of transactions - and the cost of not getting it right. While he loves the win in the courtroom, he recognizes the often high cost of time and treasure consumed in the process of litigation, and he is thus committed to counseling clients on how to avoid or diffuse disputes before they reach the point where formal proceedings are necessary.

When asked to describe Tom's service, the President of a manufacturing client put it this way: "the breadth, depth of his skills / expertise, tremendous service / service levels / responsiveness, and his wisdom, business acumen, and partnership-type of approach / disposition . . . far beyond counsel service / transactional approach and truly an invaluable colleague - with great value coming from being able to come to him with a situation or share what I'm trying to accomplish and engaging with me in those terms, as an enabler and solution provider." That pretty well sums up Tom's approach.

For much of his career, Tom has been a community leader in the areas of economic development, entrepreneurship and business advocacy. He founded and chaired the board of the Northern Kentucky Innovation & Commercialization Center. He chaired the board of the business accelerator, UpTech. He has served on the Tri-County Economic Development Foundation Board, where he chaired the Entrepreneurship Committee, as well as the board of REDI Cincinnati. He helped found and served on the Northern Kentucky Entrepreneurship Council. He served Northern Kentucky University as a member of its Research Foundation Board. He is a board member at the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and he currently serves as Chair of the NKY Chamber Political Action Committee. Tom's passion for the region and the success

AFFILIATIONS

Northern Kentucky Bar Association - Member
Salmon P. Chase Inns of Court Master -
Membership Committee

of its business community has been recognized by the Chamber's *Leader of Distinction Award*.

Tom's leadership is also displayed within the law firm. He has chaired the firm's Litigation Department. He has served on the Executive Committee, including two terms as firm Chair. He is an avid consumer of information about the practice of law in the future and routinely consults with his peer leaders at other law firms in the region and around the country. Tom is proud of and committed to the firm's vision of making Graydon the region's "most innovative, vibrant, and inclusive law firm," saying, "I'm not so bold as to say we are there yet, but we are well on our way."