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Thomas is a corporate transactional attorney who advises private equity sponsors, family-owned businesses, and financial services clients on complex transactions and general corporate matters.

Thomas maintains a broad corporate practice anchored in middle-market M&A, where he regularly represents private equity sponsors in platform acquisitions and add-on investments, and counsels founders and family-owned businesses through ownership transitions and exit events. He also advises registered investment advisers and broker-dealers on regulatory, transactional, and operational matters, and regularly counsels clients on day-to-day matters ranging from entity formation and governance to commercial contracts and business disputes.

In addition to his M&A and advisory work, Thomas represents banks and institutional lenders in secured and unsecured credit facilities, as well as nonprofit corporations on formation, tax-exempt status, and ongoing governance and compliance matters.

Thomas was born and raised in Tampa, Florida, and was the worst player on the Sickles High School basketball team for two consecutive years. His golf game is mediocre at best.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2014

SERVICE LINE

Corporate, Tax & Transactions
Merger, Acquisitions & Divestitures
Nonprofit & Tax-Exempt Organizations
Taxation

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions & Insurance

PRIMARY LOCATION

Tampa, FL

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Tampa Connection, Class of 2023
- Alliance of Merger & Acquisition Advisors, Tampa Bay Chapter, Advisory Board Member
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay Hillsborough Leadership Council
- Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts Committee
- Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Board of Directors

HONORS

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2024-2026
- Florida Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2022-2024
- CALI Award for Excellence in the Study of International Bankruptcy, Spring 2014
- Quarterfinalist, 43rd William E. Leahy Moot Court Competition

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