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PRIMARY PRACTICES

Business Law

Trusts & Estates

Middle Market

Mergers & Acquisitions

Fiduciary Litigation

Litigation

Charitable Planning

Real Estate

Real Estate Industry Services

Thomas J. Riley focuses his practice on business and corporate law as well as wealth transfer planning. He counsels small to midsize closely held manufacturing and distribution enterprises and professional practices on matters including tax planning, contract negotiations, and mergers and acquisitions. T.J. has experience handling multi-employee union plans, master and prototype plans for sponsoring organizations, and Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs). He also advises owners on succession-planning strategies.

In addition, T.J. focuses on all aspects of wealth transfer planning, both within the personal context as well as the family enterprises context. His work includes preparation of living wills, powers of attorney, wills and trust agreements, probate avoidance planning, and charitable gifting techniques.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Ohio, 1969
- U.S. Tax Court, 1971; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 1973

EDUCATION

- New York University, LL.M., Taxation, 1970
- The Ohio State University School of Law, J.D., 1969
- The Ohio State University, B.A., 1966

AWARDS & HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Business Organizations, (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2012-25, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2025; Columbus Lawyer of the Year, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2019
- “Top Lawyers,” Columbus CEO, 2010
- AV Preeminent®, Martindale-Hubbell
- Ohio Super Lawyers, 2004-05

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association, Member
- Columbus Bar Association, Member; Taxation and Business Law Committees, Member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Upper Arlington Board of Zoning and Planning, Member, 1982-present; Chairman, 1986-present

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- Senior Counsel, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, Partner, Of Counsel, 2019-present; 1989-2018, Partner-in-Charge, Columbus Office, 1989-2003
- Partner, Riley, Ucker & Lavinsky, 1975-89
- Partner, Lucas, Prendergast, Albright, Gibson, Brown & Newman, 1973-75; Associate, 1970-73