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Tod's work in the wealth transfer planning area concerns all aspects of estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax planning.

His experience includes complex wills and revocable trusts, generation-skipping trusts, dynasty trusts, spousal lifetime access trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, charitable foundations, family limited partnerships, qualified personal residence trusts, sales to intentionally defective grantor trusts, post-mortem planning and estate and gift tax returns.

In the trusts and estates area, he represents trustees, personal representatives and beneficiaries during the administration process. He is involved with the decanting, modification, reformation and termination of irrevocable trusts.

Tod advises individuals, trusts and estates in disputes with the Internal Revenue Service and the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

He focuses on representing owners of family businesses and other closely held businesses in regard to the unique tax and nontax planning opportunities available to these businesses and their owners including the development of a practical and comprehensive business succession plan.

Also, Tod advises individuals, trustees and personal representatives in dispute resolution. If the disputes are in litigation, he works with a litigation attorney at the firm to resolve the dispute.

His clients consist of a broad range of individuals, trusts, estates, corporations, family-owned businesses, private foundations and other tax-exempt organizations.

Services

- Taxation & Wealth Planning
- Trust & Estate Law & Administration
- Business Succession Planning
- Federal Estate & Gift Tax Planning
- Private Companies
- Fiduciary Litigation

Before Fox Rothschild

Tod was a partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, which combined with Fox Rothschild in 2018. From 2008 until 2017, Tod served as a member of the Management Committee and was the Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Greenville office.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Tod is the Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Greenville.

His prior community involvement includes the Christ Church Episcopal School Alumni Association, Furman University President's Advisory Council, United Way of Greenville County, Piedmont Health Care Foundation, Greenville Zoo Foundation, Artisphere, The Children's Museum of the Upstate, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Greenville Country Club.

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina

Education

- Samford University, Cumberland School of Law (J.D., 1994)
- University of Florida (LL.M., 1995)
 - Taxation
- Furman University (B.A., 1990)

Memberships

- Greenville Estate Planning Council, current member, past president
- Greenville Estate Planning Study Group
- South Carolina Probate Code Revision Committee (Trust Code)

Board of Directors

- Community Foundation of Greenville (2001-present, Chair 2023)

Honors & Awards

- Named a "Top Lawyer" by *Talk-Greenville* (2024, 2025)
- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
 - South Carolina State Chair, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) (2016-2021)
 - Nominating Committee Member (2018-2019), American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)
- Recognized by *Chambers High Net Worth* (HNW) for Private Wealth Law in South Carolina, Band 1 (2017-2025)
- Named to the "Lawyer of the Year" list for Tax Law (2013, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2026) and Trusts and Estates (2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2024, 2026) in South Carolina by *Best Lawyers*
- Received the Ruth Nicholson Award from the Community Foundation of Greenville (2012)
- South Carolina Supreme Court, certified specialist in estate planning and probate law
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Trusts and Estates (2007-2026) and Tax Law (2008-2026) in Greenville, SC by *Best Lawyers*
- Selected to the "Super Lawyers" list for Estate Planning & Probate and Tax (2009 - 2019, 2023 - 2024)
- Recognized among the "Legal Elite" for Tax & Estate Planning Law by *Greenville Business Magazine* (2013-2025)
- Leadership Greenville XXVII
- Named to *Greenville Business Magazine's* "Best and Brightest Under 35" (2000)
- Southeastern Council of Foundations, 2001 Hull Leadership Program
- Rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

Events

October 23, 2025

Planning with QTIP Trusts

The Sea Pines Resort

April 16, 2020

Smart Estate Planning During an Economic Downturn: What Families Can Do to Protect Wealth

Webinar

January 19, 2018

Income Tax Basis Planning for Irrevocable Trusts

Greenville, SC

February 6, 2017

Income Tax Basis Planning for Irrevocable Trusts

Greenville, SC

January 27, 2017

Income Tax Basis Planning for Irrevocable Trusts

Greenville, SC

January 20, 2017

Income Tax Basis Planning for Irrevocable Trusts

Greenville, NC

November 30, 2016

Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts (SLATs) and Sales to Intentionally Defective Grantor Trust (IDGTs)

Webinar

February 25, 2016

The Charitable Needs of Clients and the Importance of Planned Giving Professionals

Publications

Fall 2017

Who Is In Charge?

Furman University's The Advisor

News

August 21, 2025

More Than 250 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2026 List of Best Lawyers in America

August 1, 2025

Legal Elite 2025

July 24, 2025

Fox Rothschild Attorneys Selected to 2025 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

August 19, 2024

Legal Elite 2024

July 18, 2024

Fox Rothschild Attorneys Ranked in 2024 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

August 17, 2023

More Than 300 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2024 List of Best Lawyers in America

August 4, 2023

2023 Legal Elite

July 20, 2023

Fox Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

August 2, 2022

2022 Legal Elite

July 14, 2022

Fox Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

July 27, 2021

Fox Attorneys Ranked in 2021 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

August 20, 2020

More Than 200 Fox Attorneys Selected to the List of "Best Lawyers in America"

August 11, 2020

2020 Legal Elite

July 20, 2020

Four Fox Attorneys Ranked in 2020 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

March 11, 2020

Chambers Selects 84 Fox Attorneys to Its Annual List

August 15, 2019

176 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2020 List of Best Lawyers in America

August 1, 2019

Three Fox Attorneys Ranked in 2019 Chambers High Net Worth Guide

February 14, 2019

Chambers and Partners Selects 80 Fox Attorneys in the 2019 Guides