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Tom's practice encompasses corporate and business transactions involving intellectual property and technology transfers.

He provides strategic advice to large, midsize, and small companies on the management, protection, licensing and sale of their intellectual property, involving patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets, and further advises on the protection of intellectual property rights through litigation and other enforcement actions.

Tom's practice has also included handling federal government contracts and procurement matters, including GAO protests, defense systems acquisitions, bid protests, contractor claims, data and patent rights, sealed bid and negotiated procurements, procurement fraud, compliance advice concerning the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) and other agency procurement regulations.

Services

- Intellectual Property
- Trademarks
- Patents
- Copyrights
- IP Litigation
- IP Transactions & Licensing
- Federal Government Contracts
- Franchising & Distribution
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Renewable Energy & Project Development
- Energy Regulation & Compliance
- Energy & Natural Resources Litigation

Before Fox Rothschild

Tom was a partner and Practice Area Leader of the Business Group at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, which combined with Fox Rothschild in 2018.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Tom was appointed in 2024 by the Greenville County Council to the Greenville County Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission. He is a member of the Southeast Nuclear Energy Council. He serves as Secretary for the Veritas Catholic Information Center. Tom recently served as Chairman of the Greenville Area Development Corporation and previously served as Vice Chairman of the Greenville County Research & Technological Development Corporation. He was formerly a Patent Examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and member of the Board of Managers of the Carolina Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Law Association.

Tom is a former Judge Advocate and retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves Judge Advocate General's Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel. As a Judge Advocate, Tom was an acquisition attorney. He also presided as Investigating Officer over numerous military justice hearings and as Legal Advisor over many military discharge boards.

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Armed Forces
- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina

Education

- Clemson University (B.S., 1982)
 - Mechanical Engineering
- University of South Carolina School of Law (J.D., 1986)

Memberships

- South Carolina Bar
 - Intellectual Property & Innovation Committee
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Carolina Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law Association
- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- International Legal Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi
- Southeast Nuclear Energy Council

Board of Directors

- Greenville Area Development Corporation
 - Past Chairman
- Kiwanis Club of Greenville
 - Past President
- Veritas Catholic Information Center
- Metatomic, Inc.

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the "IP Stars" list by *Managing Intellectual Property* (2017-2025)
- Named to the list of "Super Lawyers" for Intellectual Property in South Carolina (2021-2024)

- Named to the "Lawyer of the Year" list in South Carolina for Intellectual Property Litigation (2019) and Copyright Law (2021, 2024, 2026) by *Best Lawyers*
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Copyright Law and Litigation - Intellectual Property in Greenville, SC by *Best Lawyers* (2014-2024, 2026)
- Named to the "Legal Elite" list by *Greenville Business Magazine* for Intellectual Property & Innovation Law (2013-2025)
- *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* "Leaders in the Law" (2018)
- Martindale-Hubbell's highest (AV) Preeminent Peer Review Rating

Publications

June 3, 2021

How to Patent Software and Computer-Implemented Business Methods in the United States and Abroad

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

June 11, 2025

13 Fox Rothschild Attorneys Selected as 2025 IP Stars

August 19, 2024

Legal Elite 2024

March 20, 2024

Paving the Way: Greenville County Names Decision-Makers for Penny Sales Tax Road Projects

August 17, 2023

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

August 4, 2023

2023 Legal Elite

June 20, 2023

Fox Rothschild Attorneys Selected to 2023 IP Stars List

August 2, 2022

2022 Legal Elite

May 26, 2022

Eleven Fox Attorneys Selected to IP Stars List by Managing Intellectual Property

March 31, 2021

Nine Fox Attorneys Selected to IP Stars List by Managing Intellectual Property

August 20, 2020

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

August 13, 2020

On the Move

August 11, 2020
2020 Legal Elite

July 9, 2020
Greenville Area Development Corporation Names New Officers

May 12, 2020
Eight Fox Attorneys Selected to IP Stars List by Managing Intellectual Property

August 15, 2019
176 Fox Attorneys Selected to the 2020 List of Best Lawyers in America

June 12, 2019
Greenville Area Development Corporation Names New Leaders

June 12, 2019
New Officers Named, Three New Directors Added to Greenville County's Economic Development Organization Board