

Tom Helfand

Shareholder

Practices: Tax

Industries: Emerging & Mid-Market Companies; Financial Services; Investment Management & Private Funds; Real Estate

As one of the more experienced and active tax practitioners in the Dallas legal community, Tom has represented a broad range of clients in a wide variety of areas of the tax law. He has been very active professionally, giving speeches and writing articles on a broad array of topics reflecting his practice. Due to the breadth of his experience and aptitudes for client service, Tom also serves as outside general counsel for several major clients.

Tom has served in numerous leadership and management roles at Winstead since the commencement of his career in 1977. He has served as a member of Winstead's Board of Directors and as the firm's chief operating officer and Dallas managing shareholder, as well as Chair of the Business & Transactions Department.

Representative Experience

- Bankruptcy Reorganizations and Restructurings
- Corporate Organizations, Reorganizations, Mergers and Acquisitions
- E-Commerce
- Emerging Businesses
- Energy
- Executive Compensation
- Formation and Operation of Private Investment and Real Estate Funds
- International
- Partnership and Limited Liability Company Formations, Transactions and Roll-ups
- Real Estate Investment Trusts, REMICs and Asset Securitizations
- Real Estate Planning
- State Tax Planning
- Tax Controversies

Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of Texas (Tax Section)
- Texas Federal Tax Institute (Chairman, Board of Directors)
- American Bar Association (Tax Section, Committee on Real Estate Tax Problems)
- Dallas Bar Foundation (Fellow)
- Dallas Bar Association (Past Chairman, Tax Section)
- Downtown Dallas (Past Member, Board of Directors)
- Dallas Museum of Art (Past Member, Corporate Committee)
- Dallas Business Committee for the Arts – Leadership Arts Institute (Past Member)
- Dallas Chamber of Commerce North American Task Force (Past Member)



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Education

Southern Methodist University, Dedman
School of Law

- J.D., 1977
- *cum laude*
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University of Texas at Austin
– B.B.A., Accounting, 1974

- TITAS (Past Member, Board of Directors)
- Past Adjunct Professor, SMU Law School – Real Estate Tax Planning

Awards & Recognition

- Board Certified in Taxation by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (Past Grader, Partnerships & Real Estate)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, (BL Rankings, LLC), 2017-2024
- *Best Lawyers*, "Lawyer of the Year" - Tax Law, (BL Rankings, LLC), 2021
- Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2018
- *Chambers USA Guide to America*, Leading Individuals (Tax), Chambers & Partners Publishing, 2017-2018
- *Chamber USA Guide to America*, Chambers & Partners Publishing, 2019-2022
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2003-2020
- America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals
- Honored Member, Strathmore's Who's Who Edition
- Dallas 500, Most Powerful Business Leaders in Dallas, *D CEO*

Admissions

- Texas, 1977