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Education

- Case Western Reserve University Law School, J.D., 2002
- Michigan State University-James Madison College, B.A., 1998

Admissions

- Illinois, 2003
- Ohio, 2002 (inactive)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Tax Court

Thomas A. Jefson was recently elected as RD's Chief Executive Officer and member of the Firm's Executive Committee.

Tom has extensive experience handling all aspects of complex [trust](#) and estate matters including [estate planning](#), asset protection, probate and trust administration services, disputed trusts and estates, claims against decedents as well as designing strategies to minimize estate taxes. As a trusted legal advisor for over 20 years, Tom regularly represents families, business owners and executives, investors, and individuals in sophisticated matters to preserve wealth and protect assets that help achieve their objectives for years to come.

He also counsels business leaders within diverse industries in the areas of tax planning, charitable endeavors, and other business transactional matters.

When necessary, Tom's substantial experience allows him to assist clients in resolving high stakes conflicts through the litigation of contested trusts and estates by deploying thoughtful and innovative strategies designed to produce positive and cost-efficient outcomes for clients.

Tom's in-depth knowledge and skills combined with his professionalism and discretion engages clients to have high confidence in him as he manages the sensitive and compassionate concerns that often arise in estate and trust matters. Additionally, he leverages his relationships with other RD attorneys practicing in taxation, banking, finance, business transactions, and litigation to provide the best legal service that will meet clients' goals and needs. Tom seeks to provide exceptional, innovative, and personal service to ensure clients' interests and personal lives are protected at all levels.

Tom also serves as Co-Chair of the Firm's Trusts & Estates Practice,