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Tom focuses his practice on Franchise law, Commercial Transactions, Business Succession Planning, and Estate and Asset Protection Planning. Within that capacity he serves as franchise counsel for several local franchise operations, including Billy Sims Barbeque, Tacocue Restaurants, Ron’s Hamburgers & Chili Inc., 2 Fellas Franchises, LLC, High School Sports - the Magazine LLC and ShapeXpress, Inc.

Tom has extensive experience organizing franchises for registration and compliance purposes with the Federal Trade Commission, and offers counsel to both franchisors and franchisees. He has an AV peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized as one of Oklahoma’s Top-Rated Lawyers®, as well as one of Tulsa’s Top-Rated Lawyers by *TulsaPeople* Magazine.

Education

- University of Tulsa College of Law (J.D., 1980)
- Oklahoma State University (B.S. in Finance, 1977)

Admissions

- Oklahoma

Practices

- Franchising
- Asset Protection Planning
- Estate Planning & Post Death Administration
- General Corporate

Legal Experience

- 2018-Present Hall Estill
- 2007-2018 Newton, O'Connor, Turner & Ketchum
- 1996-2007 Thomas M. Klenda, P.C.
- 1996-2003 Wave3 Communications, Inc., General Counsel

Professional Involvement

- Member, American Bar Association, Forum on Franchising
- Member, Oklahoma Bar Association
- Member, Tulsa County Bar Association
- Member, Tulsa Title and Probate Lawyers Association
- Member, Tulsa Estate Planning Forum

Community Involvement

- Past President, Rotary Club of Tulsa
- Past Trustee, Rotary Club of Tulsa Foundation, Inc.
- Past Chairman, Henry P. Iba Citizen Athlete Awards
- Leadership Tulsa Class 12

In the News

- Hall Estill and Newton, O'Connor, Ketchum & Wilkes Complete Merger

Published Articles

- Business viewpoint by Tom Klenda: Plan your business exit strategy better than Brexit

Gavel to Gavel

- Franchise Trends 2020 - Tulsa Attorney Tom Klenda in Gavel to Gavel
- BEXIT: Plan Your Business Exit Strategy by Tom Klenda

Tulsa World Business Viewpoint

- Business viewpoint by Tom Klenda: Plan your business exit strategy better than Brexit

- Tom Klenda pens Business Viewpoint regarding Franchising
- Tom Klenda writes Business Viewpoint regarding Social Franchising