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Tom Frantz draws on his tax background and maintains a robust corporate legal practice as a partner representing multi-national corporations, handling major mergers and acquisitions, and advising corporations on a variety of legal matters. In addition, he is actively engaged in regional and statewide issues across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

He currently serves as Williams Mullen's chairman emeritus of the board, and he previously served as president and chief executive officer of the firm from 2010 to 2015. Before joining the firm, Tom was an original principal with Clark & Stant, which merged with Williams Mullen in 1999. He became general counsel to Tidewater Health Care, Inc., the parent company of Virginia Beach General Hospital, in 1989. He currently serves as outside corporate counsel to Armada Hoffer Properties, Inc., an NYSE REIT. He is admitted before the U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. Supreme Court, the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and all Virginia courts.

Tom is a member of the American College of Tax Counsel, the American College of Trust and Estates Counsel, the Virginia Bar Association's Taxation Section, the American Association of Attorney-CPAs, the Virginia Society of CPAs and the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys. He is also a member of the Corporate, Banking and Business Law, Taxation and Health Care Sections of the American Bar Association. He is a past president of the Hampton Roads Tax Forum and is a director of the William & Mary Annual Tax Conference.

Tom has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® each year since 1983 and was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2011 Norfolk Area Corporate Lawyer of the Year and 2012 Norfolk Area Mergers & Acquisitions Lawyer of the Year. He has also been named to *Virginia Business* magazine's list of "Legal Elite" (2008-present), recognized as a leading Corporate/M&A attorney in the U.S. by *Chambers USA* (2004-2018), listed as a "Super Lawyer" for Business/Corporate by *Virginia Super Lawyers* magazine (2006-present) and listed as one of the Top Lawyers of Coastal Virginia by *CoVa Biz Magazine* (2017-present). *Virginia Super Lawyers* magazine listed him as one of the "Top 50 Attorneys in Virginia" every year from 2006 to 2011, and in 2008, he was listed as one of the "Top 10 Attorneys in Virginia." In addition, Martindale-Hubbell has rated Tom an AV attorney, its highest rating available.

Long active in numerous civic and educational organizations, Tom serves on the board of directors and executive committees of the Hampton Roads Business Roundtable, Reinvent Hampton Roads, the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center Foundation, the Hampton Roads Community Foundation and the Virginia Biotechnology Association. He also serves as Go Virginia's District 5 Regional Council Chair and as chair of the board of DroneUp. He was appointed by Governor Mark Warner to the Hampton Roads Sports Facility Authority in 2003 and was honored by the Virginia Beach Jaycees as the 2004 First Citizen of Virginia Beach. In 2010, he received the VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads' Lenora Mathews Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding leadership in community service.

Tom is the former chair of the Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach's Biomedical and Healthcare Taskforce, and he is a former chairman of the board of Cape Henry Collegiate School, the Virginia Beach Foundation, the Hampton Roads Partnership and the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center Foundation. Tom is a director emeritus of the Neptune Festival, and he served as King Neptune in 1996.

He served on the College of William & Mary's Board of Visitors from 2011-2019. In addition, Tom served on the board and executive committee of the Mason School of Business Foundation at the College of William & Mary, and he is an emeritus member of that board. He serves on the advisory board of the *William & Mary Business Law Review*.

Tom graduated from the College of William & Mary with an accounting degree in 1970 and from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law in 1973. He obtained his license as a Certified Public Accountant in 1973 and received his Masters in Law and Taxation from William & Mary in 1981. He is a former Captain in the U.S. Army.

Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Business Succession Planning
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Tax Law
- Tax Controversy
- Communications
- Hospitals/Health Systems
- Hospitality
- Manufacturing
- Education
- Government Relations
- Private Equity and Venture Capital

- Auto Dealerships
- Virginia Business & Corporate Law
- Entity Formation and Strategic Planning
- Outside General Counsel
- Economic Development

Education

- College of William & Mary School of Law (LL.M.)
- College of William & Mary School of Law (J.D.)
- College of William & Mary (B.B.A.)

Professional Affiliations

- American Academy of Hospital Attorneys
- American Association of Attorney CPAs
- American Bar Association ? Banking, Corporate, Business Law, Health Care and Taxation Sections
- American College of Tax Counsel
- American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel
- Hampton Roads Tax Forum ? Past President
- Virginia Society of CPAs
- Virginia Venture Capital Forum ? Executive Committee
- William & Mary Tax Conference ? Director
- *Best Lawyers*® Advisory Board Member

Awards

- *Virginia Business* - "Legal Elite," (2008-present)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® ? Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates Law (1983-present)
- *Best Lawyers*® ? 2012 Norfolk Mergers & Acquisitions "Lawyer of the Year"
- *Best Lawyers*® ? 2011 Norfolk Corporate "Lawyer of the Year"
- *CoVa Biz Magazine* - "Top Lawyers of Coastal Virginia," (2017-present)
- *Virginia Super Lawyers*
 - ? Business/Corporate (2006-present)
 - "Top 10 Attorneys in Virginia" (2008)
 - "Top 50 Attorneys in Virginia" (2006-2011)
 - "Top 100 Lawyer in Virginia" (2012, 2013)
- *Chambers USA* ? Corporate/M&A (2004-2018)
- AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Inside Business*'s "Power List" (2014-present)
- LEAD Hampton Roads ? The Visionary Award (2017)
- First Citizen of Virginia Beach (2004)
- VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads ? Lenora Mathews Lifetime Achievement Award (2010)