

BUSINESS

Schafer Thomas Maez PC advises owners of new and mature closely-held businesses on a wide range of matters, from the selection and formation of appropriate entities, and conversion of existing entities, to planning and implementation of exit strategies and owner "buy sell" plans. Our attorneys have extensive experience with transactions throughout the business life cycle, including all types of agreements and contracts, licenses, purchases and sales of businesses and divisions, joint ventures and subsidiary planning, income tax planning, real estate and other commercial transactions, and retirement and deferred compensation techniques. Schafer Thomas Maez PC attorneys structure and advise clients on business merger and combination strategies, joint ventures, and stock and asset sales and acquisitions. We also advise business owners and investors concerning capital transactions, including private equity and venture capital investments, secured loan transactions, credit lines, and sale-lease back transactions.

The firm's business clients range from start-ups and sole proprietorships to enterprises with international operations, and everything in between. Understanding the industry and unique nature of each business client is imperative for our attorneys to render competent and creative business and tax advice. In addition to providing counsel on specific transactions, the firm may perform a comprehensive or limited legal audit upon request, as a preventative measure to ascertain that the business records and documentation, company policies, employment practices, contractual safeguards, and licensing and tax reporting practices are in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

Due to the firm's expertise in tax matters, our attorneys give particular consideration to the tax consequences of contemplated transactions, with an emphasis on sophisticated tax deferral and minimization techniques.