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PRACTICE AREAS

Tax • Corporate & Commercial • Mergers & Acquisitions • Banking & Finance
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BIOGRAPHY

Matthew Peyton is a partner in Cox & Palmer's St. John's office practising in the areas of tax, corporate and commercial law. Originally from the small town of St. Lunaire-Griquet on the Great Northern Peninsula, NL, Matthew completed his Juris Doctor degree at University of New Brunswick and prior to law school, obtained his Bachelor of Commerce (honours) degree from Memorial University with a focus in accounting.

Matthew is trusted by clients in various industries and sectors for providing in-depth advice on a broad range of taxation matters. He frequently advises on matters relating to mergers and acquisitions, organizational structures, corporate reorganizations and succession planning, and throughout his varied practice experience, has advised on and implemented numerous large and complex acquisitions and corporate reorganizations. Working closely with clients, their accountants and other non-legal advisors, Matthew works diligently to provide clients with effective solutions to the issues they face. While his focus is on assisting clients in structuring their affairs in a tax-efficient manner and minimizing tax risks, Matthew is also a committed advocate with experience in the management and resolution of tax disputes.

Matthew works diligently to keep on top of the increasingly complex requirements of Canada's taxation scheme and takes pride in continuing to develop his tax knowledge. He is a member of the Canadian Tax Foundation, has attended the Canadian Bar Association Tax Law for Lawyers Conference and has completed the CPA Canada In-Depth Tax Course.

Matthew is also a member of Cox & Palmer's Start-Ups Practice Group (NL). In his practice, he works one-on-one with entrepreneurs, guiding them from the first stage of business and beyond. Emerging businesses rely on Matthew's commercial experience and perspective to help them succeed at every stage of the business cycle. He also routinely gives succession planning advice to owner-managers in more mature businesses.

Beyond his law practice, Matthew finds inspiration from volunteering in the community. Among other activities, he is actively involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Newfoundland and volunteers alongside his German Shepherd, Opie, in the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Recognized in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in Corporate Commercial Law

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador

BAR ADMISSION

- Newfoundland and Labrador (2017)

LAW SCHOOL

- University of New Brunswick

EDUCATION

- University of New Brunswick (Juris Doctor, 2016)
- Memorial University of Newfoundland (Bachelor of Commerce (Honours), 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

- The “GIST” of Genuine Intergenerational Share Transfers: Important Proposed Legislative Changes

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Canadian Tax Foundation

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Member, Taxation Practice Group
- Member, Start-Ups Practice Group

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Board Member, Rainbow Riders (2022 –)
- Past Board Member, Visual Artists Newfoundland & Labrador (2017 – 2019)