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PRACTICE AREAS

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BIOGRAPHY

Matthew Peyton is an associate in Cox & Palmer's St. John's office practising tax law and 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 for providing thorough and clear advice on a broad range of taxation matters, including corporate and personal income tax, Harmonized Sales Tax and provincial and municipal tax. With his meticulous preparation and in-depth knowledge, he helps clients maximize tax efficiency and minimize tax risks when advising on matters relating to mergers and acquisitions, corporate structure and reorganizations, and general day-to-day tax issues. While his main focus is on prevention and risk-management, Matthew is also a committed advocate with experience in the effective management and resolution of tax disputes, both at the objection stage and in matters that reach litigation in the courts.

Matthew works zealously to keep abreast 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 in 2017 and is currently enrolled in the second year of the CPA Canada In-Depth Tax Program (having completed the first year in March of 2020).

Matthew is also a member of Cox & Palmer's Start-Ups Practice Group (NL). In his corporate and commercial 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, coaches the martial art of Muay Thai and volunteers alongside his German Shepherd, Opie, in the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program.

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)

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, Muay Thai Newfoundland and Labrador
- Past Board Member, Visual Artists Newfoundland & Labrador (2017 – 2019)