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Background and Biography:

Thomas Rosseland represents clients engaged in all areas of business, including heavy equipment financing and leasing companies, retail and wholesale distribution businesses with credit facilities, and importers of high quality and high-value products for the consumer and business markets. These clients are based in and operate on the local, regional, national as well as international level. Over the past 23 years of legal practice, Mr. Rosseland has worked with and successfully handled a wide array of complex legal matters for individual and corporate clients, with a dedicated focus on achieving client goals timely and efficiently. Mr. Rosseland is committed to each client and views each matter as an opportunity to demonstrate a level of dedication and persistence that serves to strengthen the relationship with the client and to justify their confidence in the Firm. Early in his career, Mr. Rosseland served as in-house counsel for Exxon Corporation (now ExxonMobil). Mr. Rosseland's experience as in-house counsel for a global corporation has provided him with a unique sensitivity to needs of business clients and their in-house counsel.

Mr. Rosseland's main focus relates to inbound investments and businesses being established and operated in the United States. Due to his wide experience he has gained a great understanding about issues such as: start-up, operations, growth and the pathway to and sustainability of the more mature phases of business development. Mr. Rosseland is well adapted to analyze business risks, methods to enhance profitability, drafting of contracts relating to all business issues, and evaluation of business operations for legal exposure, risk avoidance and maximization of capital investments. As Chairman of the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce, Georgia, Mr.

Rosseland has extensive contacts in the international community due to cooperative efforts with other bilateral and international chambers of commerce.

Mr. Rosseland has traveled extensively overseas and he studied in England at Oxford University and at the University of Stirling in Scotland. While in college, he was selected for a prestigious internship as Assistant to the Desk Officer for El Salvador at the U.S. Department of State during the time of transition from President Jimmy Carter to President Ronald Reagan. He has also held a wide array of positions and has worked with various businesses that included being a direct report to the Broker-in-Charge of real estate at Sea Pines Plantation in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, working in the Foreign Exchange Division of DG Bank (a large German bank now known as DZ Bank) in Rockefeller Center, New York City, and working for an immigrant business owner who operated one of the largest hardwood distribution businesses in the metropolitan New York City area.

As a first-generation American and the son of immigrants from Sweden and Norway, Mr. Rosseland has a great sensitivity to and awareness of cultural differences. His understanding for the differences between Americans and individuals and businesses entering from outside the United States has made him an indispensable asset to his clients.

Educational Background:

- ❖ Colgate University, Hamilton, New York (Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, 1982)
- ❖ University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina (Juris Doctor, 1986)
- ❖ Admitted to bar, 1986, Texas; 1987, Georgia and South Carolina; 1988, District of Columbia.

Speaking Engagements and Publications:

Tom was chosen as the Association for Corporate Growth "Feature Member" for the month of March and was interviewed by Katherine Morris, President, ACG Atlanta. To read the feature click on the link below and advance to page six:

https://chapters.acg.org/UserFiles/file/atlanta/Newsletters/Volume%202/Issue6_MarchNewsletter_ACGAtlanta_web_032609.pdf

Speaker and Panelist: "International Trade Seminar II," on November 19, 2008 at the World Chamber of Commerce Seminar.

Author and Speaker: "Leveraging Trade Secret Laws to Increase A Company's Corporate Value," presented at the April 22, 2008 Meeting of the Atlanta Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs.

Interviewed and featured in article entitled "A Georgia Problem-Solver with Swedish-American Roots," in "Currents", Spring 2008 Edition of magazine published by the Swedish-American Chambers of Commerce USA.

To read the article turn to page 11 in the magazine and click here:

http://www.sacc-usa.org/magazine/currents_spring08/index.html

Legal Panelist and Speaker: "Advanced Debt Collection," presented at the State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education program, February 21, 2008.

Mr. Rosseland was interviewed by GlobalAtlanta.com regarding his role as Chairman of the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia. Mr. Rosseland has been working with the chamber's Bioenergy committee to build relationships between Georgia and Sweden on legislative, technology and business opportunities for companies to explore cooperation in biofuels for domestic use and for export, using Georgia's abundant wood resources and other organic materials.

To read the article and view the video clips from the interview click here:
<http://stories.globalatlanta.com/2007stories/015276.html>

Co-Author and Speaker: "The New Federal E-Discovery Amendments: Your Duty to Preserve and Produce Electronically Stored Information in Disputed Matters," presented at the Georgia Society of CPAs Tax Forums in Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia, in November, 2007, and at the June 19, 2007 Meeting of the Atlanta Chapter (jointly presented with Aon Consulting).

Legal Panelist and Speaker: "Key Success Factors for Doing Business in the U.S.," Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, Georgia, 2005.

Author and Speaker: "Settlement of Debts to Avoid Preference and Fraudulent Transfer Liability," presented at the State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education program, Emerging Issues in Debt Collection, 2002."

Author and Speaker: "Implied Trusts and Fraudulent Conveyances: A Review of Georgia Law," presented at the State Bar of Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education program, Emerging Issues in Debt Collection, 2001.

Honors and Awards:

Selected by peers as one of the state's top lawyers in *Georgia Trend's* 2008 & 2009 Legal Elite, December 2008 & 2009 issues

Named *Georgia Super Lawyer*, Atlanta Magazine, 2007-2009 (listing the top 5% of Georgia attorneys www.superlawyers.com)

"AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell through anonymous peer review for its highest ratings on legal ability and ethics

Associate Justice, Moot Court, University of South Carolina School of Law

Hon. Strom Thurmond Law School Scholarship, 1984 - 1985

Joseph Hughes Scholarship for Citizenship, Community Service and Academic Excellence, 1978 - 1982