

Thomas G. Appleman

SERVICE AREAS

Business

- Automotive
- Securities
- Corporate, Securities + Commercial Transactions
- International + Emerging Markets
- Venture Capital + Private Equity
- China
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Korea

Global Reach

- China
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EDUCATION

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D.
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Thomas G. Appleman has extensive experience representing clients in the automotive industry. He represents domestic and global automotive and manufacturing companies in international business activities including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, financings, general corporate representation, and commercial law. Mr. Appleman is the lead attorney for the firm's China business team.

EXPERIENCE

As the leader of our Chinese business practice, Tom manages a talented team of 28 professionals representing a cross section of the firm's practice areas and global offices. The team includes Mandarin speaking lawyers, legal consultants, paralegals and a global business developer. From its global offices in North America, Poland and now Shanghai (established in 2008), our China practice team is able to offer our worldwide clients real time, 24/7 coverage.

As part of his international cross-border transactional practice, Tom has assisted clients in acquiring and divesting operations and establishing joint ventures in more than 20 countries. These transactions require managing local counsel in each jurisdiction and navigating the numerous and sometimes conflicting corporate, tax, foreign investment, licensing, environmental, employment and employee benefits, intellectual property, and other legal and regulatory hurdles. It also involves developing creative but practical solutions to permit coordinated global closings to take place on time.