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Since he began practicing law, Tom has served as the President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and on the State of Georgia Bar's business court and judicial selection standing committees. Tom served as the Vice-Chairman of the Georgia World War One Centennial Commission and currently serves as the Vice-Chairman of the Peachtree City Airport Authority and as a board member of the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Georgia.



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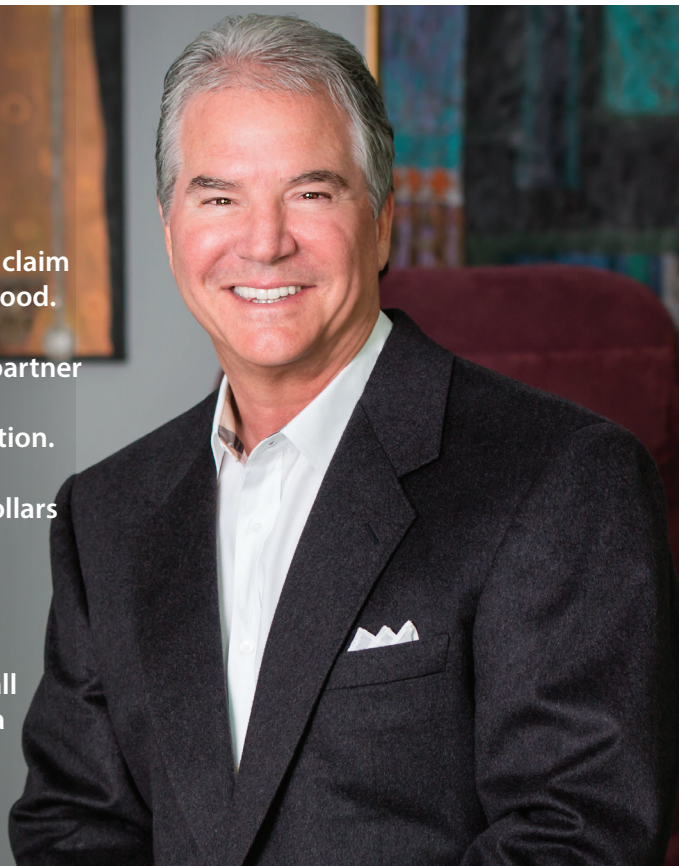
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