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Areas of Law
Corporate Law
International Law
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Bar Admissions
Minnesota, 1978
U.S. District Court, District of
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Education
Hamline University School of Law
St. Paul, MN, 1978
J.D., *With Honors*

Hamline Law Review
Staff, 1977
Editor, 1978

Northeastern University Boston
MA, 1973
B.S. Economics

William G. Thornton

William G. Thornton advises clients on international business transactions and related compliance matters. He helps clients expand businesses overseas, comply with United States laws and regulations, and helps foreign businesses enter the U.S. or expand U.S. operations. Bill started practicing law in 1978 as an intellectual property trial lawyer and has held in-house counsel positions with Land O' Lakes, Inc. and DataCard Corporation. Bill also served as director of international marketing-food products for Land O' Lakes. This combination of business and legal experience gives Bill a unique perspective on clients' needs and enables him to provide practical and focused business counsel.

Representative Experience:

International

- Coordinated and assisted a startup telecommunications service provider in its expansion into European and Austral-Asian markets including advising on regulatory compliance, formation of entities and employment matters.
- Advised franchisors in their analysis of foreign markets and foreign regulations and development of international franchise agreements.
- Provided distribution and regulatory compliance counseling to United States manufacturers of medical devices in connection with their expansion into world markets.
- Advised corporate clients in the creation and termination of distribution and sales representative agreements in multiple foreign venues.
- Advised clients in the enforcement of rights and recovery of property in numerous countries including Egypt, Turkey, Brazil and Argentina.
- Advised U.S. manufacturers in liquidating and deregistering operations in countries and regions such as Canada, Colombia, the European Union, Brazil and China.

Regulatory Compliance

- Conducted investigations of and prepared responses to the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and the U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security claims of export law violations.