



## Christopher M. Taylor

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Christopher Taylor is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Michigan Law Review*. He joined Hooper Hathaway after practicing with Ropes & Gray in Boston and Butzel Long in Ann Arbor. His practice emphasizes Business/Commercial Law (including intellectual property matters) and Estate Planning.



Mr. Taylor has represented a wide variety of commercial clients including start-ups, Fortune 100 manufacturers, software companies, SaaS providers, medical clinics, automotive suppliers, engineering companies, ASPs, consultants, software developers, service providers, film producers, television and radio stations, and music labels. His experience includes start-up entity selection and formation, corporate governance, contracts, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property and software licenses, advertising clearance, and a wide range of services, nondisclosure, talent, employment, and supply agreements. He also prosecutes and defends trademark registration applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Mr. Taylor assists individuals, couples, and families of all kinds with estate planning and probate/trust administration services. He is particularly attuned to the personal nature of this representation, and is committed to working with clients to ensure that they achieve their goals with regard to guardianship and care for minors, beneficiary designation, and asset/property distribution. Mr. Taylor's business law experience is particularly useful in connection with business succession planning and transition services.

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In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Taylor is deeply involved in the Ann Arbor community. He has sat on the Board of Directors of numerous local non-profits, represented the Third Ward on Ann Arbor City Council between 2008–2014; and has served as Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor since November 2014.

## Education

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D. *cum laude* (1997)
- University of Michigan, M.A. in American Legal History (1994)
- University of Michigan, B.A. in English, with honors (1990)
- University of Michigan, B.M.A. in Vocal Performance, with high distinction (1990)

## Admissions

- Michigan
- Massachusetts
- United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan

## Practice Areas

Business & Corporate Law  
Corporate Governance  
Entity Structure and Formation  
Estate Planning  
Gift and Estate Taxes  
Intellectual Property  
Intellectual Property Disputes  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Probate Litigation  
Start-Up Law  
Trademarks and Copyright  
Trust and Estate Administration