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About William

Helping companies and individuals plot an optimal path forward, Will Bennett centers his practice on tax, wealth and business planning. He advises clients on estate matters, including wills, powers of attorney and advance directives in healthcare, always working to ensure that family wealth is protected to the greatest extent possible for the next generation.

Will advocates for clients who find themselves in tax disputes, guiding them through such processes as audit defense and litigation before tribunals, as well as in appeals. He brings a deep knowledge base in this area that includes a specialized degree—an LL.M. in taxation from New York University. Will draws on his rich experience to counsel clients and attorney teams on the tax implications of corporate transactions, including entity formation, mergers and acquisitions and governance issues.

With a background as a corporate tax attorney who worked for large institutional clients at a prominent New York law firm, Will contributes a great deal of insight into high-stakes matters and company transformations. Whether helping a family business, a small entity or a middle-market organization, he treats each client as if they're on par with giants like Apple or Amazon.

Services

- **Tax + Wealth Planning**

Will enjoys taking on challenging and novel issues and plotting the strategies that best fit clients' goals and priorities. He also finds it gratifying to help company owners determine the next stages in the cycle of businesses in which they've invested so much time and effort. Building strong connections, Will conducts his practice with cordiality, responsiveness and empathy. He always strives diligently to advance the best interests of those he represents.

After Hours

In addition to spending time with his wife and two children, Will likes being outside doing activities such as hiking, camping and fishing. He also cheers on the Georgia Bulldogs.

Professional Organizations/Activities

- Georgia Bar Association

Education

New York University School of Law (LLM, 2021)

- Taxation

Mercer University School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2018)

University of Georgia (B.S., 2012)

- Avian Biology

Admitted

Bar Admissions

Georgia

New York

Presentations and Publications

- Passing forestland to the next generation should be part of a broader estate plan that considers evolving tax laws, gifts, and life after you're gone.