

Tradition of Excellence Award Recipient



Thomas C. Griffin III is an Associate General Counsel in the Ares Legal Group currently focusing on Ares' Alternative Credit business. Prior to joining Ares in 2016, Tom was an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP where he concentrated

on M&A, general corporate, securities laws, and fund formation matters.

Between graduating law school and beginning work at Skadden in 2010, Tom worked at the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General in Columbia, South Carolina as an Assistant Attorney General where he prosecuted domestic violence and other matters on behalf of the state .

Tom earned his Juris Doctor from The University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas in 2009; Master of International Economics and Finance from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia in

2005; and Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences, from the University of South Carolina Honors College in 2003. Tom was also a Rotary International Scholar and an Eagle Scout.

Throughout Tom's career, he has remained committed to equal justice, dedicating himself to pro bono and encouraging colleagues to join in his efforts. It was during his years at Skadden that Tom volunteered his time in the NYC Family Court, providing critical assistance in family stabilization matters.

Supported by Ares' core values and approach, Tom continues to lead by example, encouraging and developing new opportunities with organizations like Access Justice Brooklyn to advance economic justice and help ensure equal access to the legal system.

Tom currently lives in New York with his wife Robin Brem and their two daughters.