

*"I protect my client's assets from taxes, lawsuits, relatives, nursing home costs — anything that threatens their savings and property. I also arrange my client's affairs so that they will avoid emotional pain and family fights in leaving their wealth to their heirs, and pay the least possible amount in taxes and fees."*

- Thomas J. Hansen, J.D., C.P.A.

## Our Services

The Law Office of Thomas J. Hansen, LTD. is dedicated to bringing a variety of services to help guide you through all steps in life. Our concentrations are:

- ESTATE PLANNING
- ASSET PROTECTION
- MEDICAID PLANNING
- TAX CONTROVERSY

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for a free consultation.*

*We are glad to help!  
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Thomas J. Hansen was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up on the South Side of Chicago and Park Ridge, Illinois. Thomas lives in Park Ridge, with his wife and three children.

Thomas received a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from Northern Illinois University, a Certified Public Accountant Certificate from the University of Illinois, a Master of Science in Taxation from DePaul University, a Juris Doctor with Distinction from John Marshal Law School.

Thomas is a member of the Illinois Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants, Illinois Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Before starting his practice in 1996, Thomas previously was employed by the Internal Revenue Service for over twenty-three years: five years as an Internal Revenue Agent, five years as an International Examiner, and over thirteen years as an Appeals Officer. Since 1996, Thomas has limited his practice to resolution of tax controversies, estate planning, asset protection, and Medicaid Planning.



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# We can help in all your estate planning needs.

## **How we can help.**

The Law Office of Thomas J. Hansen, LTD. is dedicated to serving client's in all areas of estate planning. We provide the professional experience that give you the confidence and peace of mind that you are protected.

### **ESTATE PLANNING**

We are dedicated to providing an estate plan to meet each client's unique goals and needs. Estate planning is not just about what happens to your assets after you pass away. Effective estate planning looks at all of the issues, from death and disability to Medicaid and nursing home care. We provide comprehensive options for ensuring the financial security of your loved ones by protecting your assets through the use of trusts and other legal instruments. A trust is a legal "rule book" that permits your family to carry out your wishes and promote your values when you are no longer able to, without unnecessary legal process or court intervention. We prepare wills for clients who choose not to create trusts, in addition to powers of attorney, health care proxies and living wills.

### **ESTATE ADMINISTRATION**

When an individual dies with or without a Will, assets in his or her name alone cannot be distributed without court permission. Our attorneys and paralegals are extremely qualified to represent executors, administrators and trustees from the preparation of the estate petition through the formal

or informal settlement of the estate accounting and the distribution of assets to beneficiaries. This representation also includes the resolution of any and all issues involving creditors and beneficiaries and the preparation of estate and fiduciary income tax returns. We handle proceedings throughout the Greater Chicagoland Area.

### **ASSET PROTECTION**

Asset protection planning is a process by which you organize your assets--personal, business and/or professional--and employ legal tools to guard against risk of future creditors. Asset protection techniques are designed to deter potential creditors from going after you, and discourage them if they do, generally by making it difficult or impossible for them to take hold of your assets or collect judgments against you.

There is a very sharp dividing line between "legal" asset protection planning and actions to defraud legitimate creditors, which are criminal. For that reason it is essential to have an attorney guide you through the process. The Law Office of Thomas J. Hansen, LTD. has the skilled necessary to guide you through these process with ease and confidence.

### **MEDICAID PLANNING & LONG-TERM CARE**

Medicaid is a federal program that provides health coverage for people with limited assets and incomes. It covers the cost of nursing home care for those who meet the program's economic requirements for eligibility.

Though it's a federal program, Medicaid is administered by the states. Federal law empowers each state to enforce Medicaid eligibility rules according to its own interpretation. This means that application of these rules can very significantly from state to state and, in some states, from county to county.

As your Medicaid planning advisor we can best help you determine how the rules apply to your specific circumstances in your specific locality.

### **TAX CONTROVERSY**

The Law Office of Thomas J. Hansen, LTD. represents individuals and businesses in the Greater Chicagoland Area who need help resolving their tax dispute with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS.)

Tax problems, controversies, and disputes, if left unresolved, can lead to grave consequences, such as liens, seizures and criminal tax prosecution. For business owners, tax controversies can affect operations, your company's relationship with shareholders or third parties, and your company's ability to make a profit.

It is important that you retain the services of a tax attorney who understands how to resolve tax controversies and disputes on the federal or state level, as well as handle matters connected to federal income tax.