

Miller Canfield Lawyer David Thoms Elected to French-American Foundation Board of Directors

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David M. Thoms, a principal at Miller Canfield, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the French-American Foundation of New York City.

The French-American Foundation works to enrich the relationship between France and the United States by bringing together leaders to discuss issues such as education, immigration, defense, energy, business and urban development, among other issues. The group's board members come from several industries, including government, finance, law, military and manufacturing.

Thoms has been a leader in the French-American community for years. His service includes being a longtime board member and current president of the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe and a past president of the French Festival of Detroit. He is a former board member and past president of the Federation of Alliances Françaises-USA and a current board member of the American Society of the French Academic Palms. He was awarded the Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques by the French Government for his contributions to French culture and education.

At Miller Canfield, Thoms spends time in both the New York City and Troy, Mich. offices. He assists clients with their business, estate and succession planning matters as well as assisting non-profit and charitable organizations with policy, tax, compliance, governance and fundraising.

Thoms earned his juris doctorate from University of Detroit-Mercy and a master of laws with a focus on taxation from Wayne State University. He also earned his bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree in urban planning from Wayne State.

He resides in West Bloomfield, Michigan.