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As Managing Partner for Dopkins & Company, LLP, and Managing Member for Dopkins Wealth Management, LLC, Tom Emmerling has the overall responsibility for the operation and vision of each firm, working to continuously develop strategies to improve business processes and suites of services. Each and every day, Tom lives the principles of Dopkins Core Values: a "One Firm" approach that aligns a client-centered business practice with a passion about people, while striving to reach the highest level of professional standards, ethics and integrity.

Capitalizing on his 40 years of experience as a certified public accountant and certified financial planner, Tom helps clients solve complex financial issues. He routinely serves as a liaison in bringing together Dopkins members from across service areas to collaborate on providing big-picture solutions to help clients build, protect and transfer wealth.

A strong supporter of the WNY business community, Tom serves as the Treasurer for the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, the largest regional chamber of commerce in Western New York. He is also a graduate of Leadership Buffalo, a year-long program designed to unite leaders from diverse backgrounds and perspectives to increase their knowledge and understanding of community issues.

Tom is a member of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants and has held several leadership positions for the Buffalo chapter, including President, Director, and Chair of both the Accounting Principles & Auditing Standards and Administration of Accounting Practices Committees. A member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Tom currently serves as an editorial advisor for the Journal of Accountancy and has previously served as an instructor for the Foundation for Accounting Education.

Tom serves the Canisius College community in a leadership capacity in many ways, including Trustee of the College's Board of Directors, Chair of the Council on Accountancy, and current Member and Past Chair of the Board of Regents. He has also served as a member of the Canisius Executive Committee and Past Chair of both the Student Recruiting and Student Experience Committees. Tom was named to the Canisius DiGamma Honor Society in recognition of his work in advancement of the College, and is also an honorary member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society. He is also a member of the Canisius College Leadership Society. Tom is a past-recipient of College's LaSalle Medal, Outstanding Alumnus Award and Outstanding Accountant of the Year Award.



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EDUCATION

- B.S. in Accounting, *cum laude*, Canisius College

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Business and Personal Financial Planning
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Privately-Held Companies
- Succession Planning & Family Owned Business