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Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Class Actions

Industry Sectors

- Cannabis
- Real Estate & Construction

Education

- The George Washington University, J.D., *with honors*, 2011
- University of Michigan, B.A., *with high distinction*, 2008

Bar Admissions

- New York
- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Central District of California

Matthew is an experienced litigator, representing clients in state and federal business litigation matters. Matthew focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, including financial services and securities fraud litigation, contract disputes and actions involving business torts. Matthew has represented clients in city and state administrative proceedings, as well as clients facing federal and state investigations. He has substantial experience in various aspects of litigation including handling appeals. He routinely helps clients to craft practical and effective solutions to mitigate legal and business risk.

Matthew previously practiced in the New York office of a national law firm where he represented mortgage lenders, loan servicers, and investors in actions involving predatory lending allegations and federal and state consumer protection claims. He also defended law firms and lawyers in high-stakes legal malpractice actions.

Matthew graduated with honors from The George Washington University Law School, where he was a member of The George Washington International Law Review and The George Washington University Law School Moot Court Board. Matthew was awarded the honors of Best Brief and Best Overall Competitor in the law school's annual Judge Grenadier International Law Moot Court Competition. Matthew graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* from the University of Michigan, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Organizational Studies.

Experience

Negotiated a favorable settlement on behalf of a beauty company in an administrative proceeding before the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.

Obtained dismissal of a New York state action in which claims of fraudulent concealment, breach of fiduciary duty, and unjust enrichment claims were asserted against a real estate developer arising from the sale of security interests in an investment fund.

Successfully opposed a motion for class certification in a federal action alleging breach of contract and consumer protection claims against a student loan servicer.

Obtained dismissal of a \$13 million legal malpractice action arising out of the handling of an underlying directors and officers insurance coverage action concerning alleged breach of a stock option agreement.

Successfully mediated an insurance coverage dispute involving residential property damage arising from Superstorm Sandy.

Prevailed on behalf of the plaintiffs -- the CEO of a full-service real estate investment and advisory firm, and his wife -- in a five-day injunction hearing before the Orange County Superior Court. The hearing was in connection with a civil harassment action against a former contractor who had hacked into the firm's computer systems and stolen privileged and confidential materials. She then hacked into the plaintiffs' personal computer and phone systems. The hearing revealed that the defendant had been engaged in a relatively sophisticated hacking campaign -- she even pled the Fifth Amendment rather

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than respond to certain questions. The Court determined that our clients had shown by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant had engaged, and was continuing to engage, in a pattern and practice of illegal hacking against the plaintiffs, and enjoined her from any continued hacking or other harassing conduct against them. The Court also issued a substantial attorneys' fee award – a rarity in this type of action.