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OVERVIEW

Matthew focuses his practice on commercial and business litigation in almost every area of commercial law, including contracts, corporate and partnership disputes, financial services, restrictive covenants, unfair competition, insurance, real estate, business torts, and many other legal and equitable issues. Matthew also counsels and defends clients in federal, state, and local regulatory matters. His experience covers all phases of litigation, including trials, appeals, arbitrations, and mediations.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented an international wood products manufacturer in a dispute with the seller of a U.S. manufacturing facility over the release of indemnity escrow funds.
- Representation of sellers of a California-licensed card room casino in a dispute with purchaser and senior lender regarding a post-closing adjustment to the purchase price.
- Representation of an international real estate developer in foreclosing on a stalled New York City luxury condominium project.
- Representation of a mortgage lender in its foreclosure of a 100,000-square-foot warehouse in Maspeth, Queens (New York).
- Representation of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy trustee in 10 New York City foreclosure actions arising out of a real estate investment Ponzi scheme.
- Representation of a private equity firm in connection with a dispute with a borrower under a real estate acquisition loan.
- Representation of a U.S. charter airline in an action for breach of an aircraft lease.
- Representation of a former parent of a commercial airline in an action for default under a guaranty of an aircraft lease.
- Representation of a low-cost airline in an action for default under an aircraft lease.
- Representation of a U.S. equity investor in litigation arising from defaults under lease transactions involving passenger rolling stock operated by domestic municipal transit agencies.
- Representation of a condominium sponsor in a dispute with purchasers who defaulted under purchase agreements.
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Representation of a national apparel retailer in an action by a former supplier for tortious interference with contract and tortious interference with prospective business opportunities.

- Representation of a former head of a commodities desk in a FINRA arbitration with the former brokerage firm employer concerning post-employment obligations.
- Representation of a former senior executive of an inter-dealer brokerage firm in a dispute with the former employer concerning constructive discharge and the scope of restrictive covenants contained in the employment and related agreements.
- Representation of a professional sports agent in a dispute with a former client.
- Representation of a professional athlete in a dispute with his former manager.

AWARDS

- *Super Lawyers*: New York (2020, 2021)
- *Super Lawyers*: “Rising Star” New York (2011-2015)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Consumer Financial Services

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Consumer Financial Services
- Energy
- Governmental Audits, Benefit Claims + ERISA Litigation
- Litigation + Trial
- Managed Care Payor Disputes, Investigations + Regulatory Counseling
- Renewable Energy

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Commercial Division Committee, New York Supreme Court
- Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, New York State Bar Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., 2000, supervising editor, *Cardozo Law Review*
- Tufts University, B.A., 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Liability Issues for Open Businesses During the Crisis," Troutman Sanders and Pepper Hamilton COVID-19 Litigation Podcast Series, COVID-19 Resource Center, April 16, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Wide-Ranging New York Noncompete Law Awaits Governor's Signature," *Troutman Pepper*, June 30, 2023.
- Co-author, "The 'Well-Pleaded Complaint Rule' and Pushing the Bounds Post-'McCulloch'," *New York Law Journal*, March 2018.
- Co-author, "Preserving Value in M&A Deals," *Practical Law Journal*, April 2016.