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ABOUT

Matt represents both defendants and plaintiffs in federal and state courts, as well as in arbitration. Matt's experience covers a variety of subject areas including: complex business disputes (ranging from breach of contract to fraud to fiduciary duty matters), real estate disputes, intellectual property disputes, personal injury and professional liability defense.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- State Bar of Texas; U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- Education: University of Texas at Austin (B.A. with Special Honors in English and Honors in Plan II Liberal Arts Program, 1999); University of Texas School of Law (J.D. with High Honors, 2004), Chancellors, Order of the Coif; Associate Editor, Texas Law Review (2003-04)
- Law Clerk to The Honorable Sam Sparks, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas; Austin, Texas (2004-2006)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Matt has worked with a broad spectrum of the firm's clients, including:

BUSINESS DISPUTES

- a publicly-traded semiconductor company in state court litigation with a business competitor asserting defamation and antitrust claims
- a privately-owned pharmaceutical development company in arbitration of a dispute concerning breach of a licensing agreement
- a corporate jet sales and leasing company in federal court litigation with a former lessee of a multimillion-dollar jet aircraft
- a major telecommunications company and an electric utility company in various state and federal lawsuits
- a national banking institution in a federal lawsuit arising out of a complex lending transaction involving accounts receivable in Qatar
- a health care company in litigation arising out of a multimillion-dollar skilled nursing facilities purchase agreement
- a health care provider in federal employment litigation involving allegations of discrimination and False Claims Act violations
- a workers' compensation insurance carrier in various state and federal lawsuits
- an Austin-based company's founder/shareholder representative in a federal court lawsuit and arbitration arising out of his company's acquisition by a publicly-traded defense contractor
- a real estate investment partnership in federal court in a dispute with its lending institution
- a national banking institution in an easement dispute with an adjoining real property owner in state court

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- a publicly-traded, multinational computer company in various patent lawsuits
- a software design company in patent litigation
- a toy manufacturer in trade dress/patent infringement litigation

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

- lawyers in various lawsuits defending against claims arising out of their law practice, including legal malpractice claims; defamation claims, and FDCPA claims

- an accounting and tax services provider defending against allegations of professional negligence

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Austin Bar Association
- Austin Young Lawyers Association
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Federal Bar Association, Austin Chapter (Past President)
- Austin IP Inn of Court
- The American Law Institute (ALI)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Austin Monthly's "2026 Top Attorneys" list
- *Texas Monthly,* Selected to Super Lawyers, published by Thomson Reuters, 2023-2026
- *Texas Monthly,* Super Lawyers Rising Star, published by Thomson Reuters, 2010-2017
- Chambers USA recognized practitioner in Litigation: General Commercial, Texas: Austin & Surrounds (2023-2024)

COMMUNITY

- Mainspring Schools (Past Board President)