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EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, J.D., 2013 *Annual Survey of American Law*, Staff Editor

Cornell University, B.A., 2010, *magna cum laude* History and Government

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Legal Intern to the Honorable Patti Saris, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Proskauer Rose, Associate

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New York

HIGHLIGHTS

- WTO Secured Historic \$1.1 Million Pro Bono Settlement for Inmate
- Won an appeal in the 10th Circuit for two mortgage brokers in a noncompete case against a leading financial institution, affirming a district court's prior denial of preliminary injunction.
- Won dismissal on summary judgment for an agricultural equipment manufacturer in a product liability case claiming that an allegedly defective combine header amputated the plaintiff's fingers during a routine inspection. WTO argued the briefing remotely.
- Won modification of a child support order on appeal for a *pro bono* client and domestic abuse victim, establishing a new legal precedent in New York State.
- Obtained dismissal of claims for misappropriation of trade secrets in defense of a worldwide distributor of medical, dental, and veterinary supplies.
- Successfully represented a global mass media and entertainment company through mediation and arbitration in a \$100 million dispute over compliance with "Most Favored Nations" provisions.
- Advised Major League Soccer on league expansion, commissioner authority, and contract interpretation.

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products & Services
- Healthcare
- Oil & Gas
- Telecommunications

PRACTICE AREAS

- Employment
- Commercial Litigation

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BIOGRAPHY

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Matt has experience with a variety of employment litigation issues, including trade secrets, noncompete, discrimination, and wage & hour. He has successfully handled complex cases in the real estate, energy, construction, mining, sports, healthcare, and consumer products industries.

Prior to joining WTO, Matt was an associate at an AmLaw 100 firm in New York City. He chaired that firm's high school mentoring program.

CASES

- Secured a historic \$1.1 million settlement in a civil rights case for a pro bono client stabbed 43 times in prison.
- Won an appeal in the 10th Circuit for two mortgage brokers in a noncompete case against a leading financial institution, affirming a district court's prior denial of preliminary injunction. The plaintiffs had alleged that their former employees—WTO's clients—had breached noncompete and trade secret agreements when they left the company.
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- Won summary judgment for a leading international manufacturer in defense of a \$20 million breach of contract dispute.
- Cross-examined and deposed senior executives of a debtor oil and gas company in a multibillion-dollar bankruptcy case.
- Won summary judgment for the NHL against the former owner of the Arizona Coyotes, who breached agreements with the NHL by attempting to move the team to Canada.
- Secured broad *ex parte* preliminary and permanent injunctive relief against internet sellers of counterfeit NFL jerseys.
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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Colorado
New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
U.S. District Court, D. Colorado
U.S. District Court, S.D. New York

LEGAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America
Ones to Watch - Commercial Litigation, 2021-2024
Thompson G. Marsh Inn of Court

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- *Intermountain Jewish News* "15 Under 40" 2021

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Spending time with family, coaching middle school boys' basketball, fantasy sports, and golf.