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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Banking and Financial Services | Manufacturing |
Real Estate

EXPERTISE

Commercial Litigation | Contractual Disputes |
Debt Recovery | Defamation/Reputation
Management | Shareholders Disputes

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 2019

EDUCATION

- JD, University of Toronto, 2018
- BA, Queen's University, 2015

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English

Matthew engages in a broad and energetic commercial litigation practice, representing a diverse clientele across various industries, before all levels of court in Ontario. Matthew handles cases involving shareholder

oppression, breach of contract, fraud, debt-recovery, receiverships, injunctions, class actions, economic torts, defamation, files with an insolvency nexus, and everything in between. Regardless of the context, Matthew's clients come to appreciate his responsive, cerebral, and collaborative approach to finding practical, business-oriented, and cost-effective solutions to their most pressing issues.

Matthew is a member of several regional law associations and societies, and enjoys volunteering his time on pro bono matters, on peer and student mentorship, and with a local legal clinic.

Matthew is born-and-raised at Miller Thomson, beginning his career as a summer law student in 2017. Ever since, as a commercial litigation lawyer, Matthew has seen success on numerous notable matters, resulting in a number of reported court decisions.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- Justice Glenn Hainey Memorial Award nominee

Notable matters

- Obtained a defamation injunction and civil restraining order, within the context of ongoing Mareva and Anton Piller injunction proceedings: *Maison Prive v. Moazzani*, 2020 ONSC 8199 (CanLII)
- Defended three development project companies in injunction proceedings seeking certificates of pending litigation, and to restrain the project companies from dealing with the underlying real properties: *TriDelta Investment Counsel Inc. v. GTA-Mixed-Use*, 2022 ONSC 6106 (CanLII)
- Defended Allstate Insurance Company of Canada in a class action alleging breaches of statutory entitlements under provincial employment standards legislation: *Lee v. Allstate Insurance*, 2023 ONSC 8 (CanLII)
- Represented a class of investors with particular claims under the Securities Act, in determining a question of priority to distributions of proceeds from the Bridging Finance investment funds: *Ontario Securities Commission v. Bridging Finance Inc.*, 2023 ONSC 715 (CanLII)

Community roles

- Guest Lecturer, Business & Law, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Volunteer Counsel, Pro Bono Ontario
- Pro Bono Counsel

Memberships & affiliations

- The Advocates' Society

- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Law Society of Ontario
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association