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### Practice Areas

Contract & Commercial  
Litigation

Distribution & Dealership  
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Intellectual Property

Litigation

Real Estate & Construction

Securities & Shareholder  
Disputes

### Admissions

Wisconsin

### Education

Juris Doctor, University of  
Wisconsin Law School, *cum  
laude*

Bachelor of Arts, University  
of Wisconsin-Madison,  
History & Political Science,  
*with distinction*



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Matt is a shareholder in the firm's Litigation practice. He has significant experience handling shareholder disputes, including helping clients navigate the complexities of shareholder activism and related conflicts. Matt is a frequent speaker on topics related to shareholder disputes.

Beyond his corporate governance and securities work, Matt handles a broad range of complex commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts across the United States. For example, Matt has represented clients in various business disputes, including those involving business torts, intellectual property, dealer and distributor actions, administrative agency decisions and appeals, construction issues, class action litigation, and other contract-based claims. Matt is a contributing author to the legal treatise *Contract Law in Wisconsin*.

Matt is dedicated to advancing the legal profession through leadership and a commitment to pro bono work. He currently serves as the Secretary for the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association. Matt also sits on the Bar Association's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Matt is a prior chair of the Bar Association's Programs and Pro Bono Committees. He helped to pioneer the Federal Legal Assistance Program, which assists *pro se* litigants with understanding the process and procedure of litigating in federal court. Matt currently co-chairs the firm's Pro Bono and Community Engagement Committee.

While in law school, Matt served as a student attorney with the Wisconsin Innocence Project and was awarded the Melvin J. Friedman Scholarship for his work with the project. Matt also served as a judicial intern on the Wisconsin Supreme Court for the late Justice N. Patrick Crooks.

### Representative Experience

*Action Rentals Holdings LLC v. Wacker Neuson America Corporation*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 22-cv-777 (distributor dispute)

*American Orthodontics Corporation v. Jos. Schmitt & Sons Construction Company, Inc.*, Circuit Court, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, Case No. 15 CV 152 (construction dispute)

*BLVD Capital Holdings, LLC v. Achilles Enterprises, LLC*, Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Case No. 2022CV6189 (commercial real estate dispute)

*Centerline Manufacturing & Machining, LLC v. Tripler*, Circuit Court, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, Case No. 2023-CV-0084 (shareholder dispute)

*CHG-Meridian USA Corp. v. Marcus Theatres Corporation*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 24-cv-26 (licensing dispute)

*Continental Girbau, Inc. v. Wash Multifamily Laundry Systems, LLC*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 16-C-1345 (trademark infringement litigation)

*Cortez Gomez v. Kohl's Corporation*, United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, Case No. 23:-cv-678 (consumer class action)

*Craig v. LendingTree, LLC*, United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, Case No. 23-cv-891 (Fair Credit Reporting Act claim)

*Dougherty v. Wipfli Financial Advisors, LLP*, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, Case No. 23-14195 (business tort claim)

*Frame v. Kohl's Corporation*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 22-CV-1016 (shareholder dispute)

*Herold v. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District III, Appeal No. 2024AP1060 (administrative agency review)

*IDC Financial Publishing, Inc. v. BondDesk Group, LLC*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 15-cv-1085 (copyright infringement litigation)

*In re Archdiocese of Milwaukee*, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 11-20059 (adversary action)

*In re Palm Beach Finance Partners, L.P., et al.*, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida, Case No. 09-36379 (adversary action)

*Kohl's, Inc. v. Lang*, Circuit Court, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, Case No. 23-cv-1652 (declaratory judgment action)

*Link v. Link*, Circuit Court, Washburn County, Wisconsin, Case No. 11-CV-62 (shareholder dispute)

*Marcus Hotels, Inc. v. Maurer*, Circuit Court, Dane County, Wisconsin, Case No. 24CV677 (business tort claim)

*McKinney v. Genesis FS Card Services, Inc.*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 22-C-275 (Equal Credit Opportunity Act/Wisconsin Consumer Act claim)

*Metalcraft of Mayville, Inc. v. Ariens Company*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 16-CV-903 (patent infringement litigation)

*Mid-South Ag Equipment, Inc. v. Wacker Neuson America Corporation*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 20-cv-1899 (distributor dispute)

*Murillo v. Kohl's Corporation*, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Case No. 16-cv-196 (consumer class action)

*North and South Twin Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District v. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*, Circuit Court, Vilas County, Wisconsin, Case No. 2024CV76 (administrative agency review)

*Ruehl v. AM General LLC*, United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana, Case No. 14-cv-317 (patent ownership dispute)

*Targa Management Holdings, LLC, et al. v. Chudy*, Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Case No. 2021-CV-938 (non-compete/non-solicit litigation)

*The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company v. ABFH, LLC*, Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Case No. 2021-cv-3457 (lease dispute)

*Trent v. Professional Power Products, Inc.*, Circuit Court, Walworth County, Wisconsin, Case No. 14-CV-851 (sale of business dispute)

*Van Dyn Hoven v. Bergstrom Corporation*, Circuit Court, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Case No. 15-CV-223 (sale of business dispute)

*VerHalen, Inc. v. Calawerts*, American Arbitration Association, Case No. 01-22-0005-2877 (shareholder dispute)

*Wipfli LLP v. Duluth Lakewalk Offices Phase II, LLC*, District Court, St. Louis County, Minnesota, Case No. 69DU-CV-21-1587 (commercial lease dispute)

*VerAleo, LLC v. Yoga Alliance*, American Arbitration Association, Case No. 01-23-0005-7224 (unfair trade practices claim)

## Court Admissions

United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin  
United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

## Professional Association Memberships

Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association  
Milwaukee Bar Association  
Seventh Circuit Bar Association

## Activities

St. Francis Children's Center – President, Board Member  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee – MVP Committee, Former Member  
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association – Board Member, Chair of Pro Bono Committee

## Honors

Named a 2017 “Up and Coming Lawyer” by the Wisconsin Law Journal  
Recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2016–2019, 2021–present)  
Recognized by Best Lawyers “Ones to Watch” (Commercial Litigation, 2021– present)