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Biography

Matthew maintains a broad and energetic commercial litigation practice, representing a diversity of clients, facing a variety of legal issues, across a wide range of industries. Matthew frequently acts in cases involving shareholder oppression, receiverships, injunctions, class actions, breach of contract, economic torts, fraud, defamation, debt-recovery, and files with an insolvency nexus.

Regardless of the context, on cases big and small, clients can expect Matthew to apply a responsive, cerebral, and collaborative approach, working efficiently to find practical, business-oriented, and cost-effective solutions to assist his clients in meeting their goals.

Matthew has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario, and has significant and growing experience with motions, injunction proceedings, examinations, court conferences and hearings, alternative dispute resolution, and appeals.

Matthew is born-and-raised at Miller Thomson, joining as a summer student in 2017. After completing his articles with the firm, he joined Miller Thomson as an associate in 2019.

Before joining the firm, Matthew worked as an educator with the LAWS program at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law; as a summer student at an insurance defence firm in his hometown of Hamilton, Ontario; and as a lifeguard.

Matthew was active in the law school community, serving as co-chair of the Law & Politics Club, and working with two academic journals. Matthew provided peer-mentorship throughout law school, and remains passionate about mentorship, prioritizing working closely with students and junior associates.

Matthew spends his spare time with friends and family, playing basketball, reading, designing and playing games, and painting.

Professional achievements & leadership

- Mentor with the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Peer Mentorship Program (PMP) and the University of Toronto Pre-Law

RELATED SERVICES

Commercial Litigation

- Society (UTPLS) Mentorship Program, 2017 - 2018
- Co-Chair of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Law & Politics Club (LPC), 2016 - 2017
- Associate Editor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review (UTFLR), 2015 - 2017
- Associate Editor at the Journal of International Law and International Relations (JILIR), 2015 - 2017

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 involvement

- Workshop Presenter, Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS)
- Mentor, University of Toronto Pre-Law Society (UTPLS)
- Peer Mentor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law Peer Mentorship Program
- Co-Chair, Law & Politics Club
- Associate Editor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review
- Associate Editor at the Journal of International Law and International Relations

Professional memberships

- The Advocates' Society
- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Law Society of Ontario
- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association

Bar admissions & education

- Ontario, 2019
- JD, University of Toronto, 2018
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Studies, Minor in History, Queen's University, 2015