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Matthew has practised in the areas of civil litigation and white collar crime for more than 25 years. He maintains a national practice with an emphasis on complex commercial litigation, securities litigation, class actions and white collar crime.

Matthew acts as lead counsel for large corporations at all levels of court and in front of industry tribunals, including the Law Society of Alberta, the Mutual Fund Dealers Association, Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC), the Alberta Securities Commission, and the Real Estate Council of Alberta.

Matthew's legal experience involves significant arbitral proceedings, including those in the electricity and real estate development industries, as well as general corporate/commercial matters ranging from employment matters, contractual disputes to litigation involving shareholders rights.

Having been recognized as a leading litigator in virtually every industry publication, Matthew is engaged on mandates across the country involving clients ranging from individuals to large corporations.

Experience

- Acted as counsel on one of the largest market manipulation matters in Canada.
- Acted as counsel to a Calgary businessman charged with insider trading, which resulted in an acquittal.
- Acted as counsel on arbitral matters involving Power Purchase Arrangements where millions of dollars were at issue.
- Successfully represented a client during arbitration on a matter involving rights under a Land Purchase Agreement worth over \$25 million.
- Advises in-house counsel in matters arising from insider trading allegations.

- Successfully defended a client in class action proceedings involving real estate development in which claims over \$50 million were made.
- Successfully defended a class action proceeding involving a large developer for claims in excess of \$25 million
- Defending a class action proceeding involving employment claims in excess of \$80 million
- Advises both Exempt Market Dealers and IIROC member firms on matters of compliance, and provides counsel on regulatory investigations and civil litigation.

Insights & Events

- [Co-Author "The Canada Chapter, The Securities Litigation Review", 6th Edition, June 2020](#)
- Author, "COVID-19: Shareholder and corporate disputes", BLG Article, April 2020
- [Co-Author, "The Securities Litigation Review Canada." Law Business Research Ltd., July 2019](#)
- Author, "ASC Releases Results of EMD Sweep/CSA Provides Guidance on Small Firms Compliance", BLG Article, June 2017

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Calgary Bar Association
- Member of the Board of Directors of the National Exempt Market Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2021) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Corporate and Commercial Litigation; Class Action Litigation; Securities Law) and in the 2024 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Administrative and Public Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition of *Chambers Canada* (Litigation: Securities (Alberta))
- Recognized as the 2023 'Lawyer of the Year' in Calgary by *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Class Action Litigation)
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert*® Directory ((Litigation - Corporate Commercial) and the 2022-2023 and 2020 editions (Litigation — Securities).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2020) of *Benchmark Canada* as a "Litigation Star" (Securities).
- Recognized in the 2023 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Litigation*.
- Recognized by Alberta Benchmark Rating as a Litigation Star (Securities).
- Recognized by Alberta Benchmark Rating as a Future Litigation Star.
- Recognized by *Lexpert*® as a "Repeatedly Recommended" Leading Practitioner, Litigation — Securities.
- Recognized in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert*® Directory as a Leading Practitioner in Securities Litigation.

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 1996
- LLB, University of Alberta, 1995
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Calgary, 1992

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