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Commercial Litigation
Securities Litigation
Competition Litigation

Bar Admissions
New York, 2000
Ontario, 2001

> “Matthew is an outstanding litigation lawyer and lead counsel. He delivers practical and actionable advice, customised with deep knowledge of our business. His excellent judgment makes him a go-to litigation counsel.”
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> Client – *Chambers Canada*

Known for his intellectual acuity, Matthew acts in matters before a variety of tribunals and courts across Canada, including in precedent-setting appeals before the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. He was named Insolvency Lawyer of the Year 2014 by Benchmark Canada. A market source for*Chambers Canada* describes Matthew as “an excellent commercial litigator…someone you want on your side.”

Matthew advises a variety of clients – public and private companies as well as government agencies – across a wide range of civil litigation matters, including commercial disputes, complex class actions, securities disputes, constitutional challenges, insolvency proceedings and novel tort claims. In addition to his extensive trial and motions work, Matthew has also successfully mediated or arbitrated numerous confidential disputes.

Recognitions

Chambers Global
Dispute Resolution: Litigation

Chambers Canada
Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence); Litigation, General Commercial: Ontario

Benchmark Canada Awards
Insolvency Litigator of the Year
2014

Benchmark Canada Awards
Impact Case of the Year
2017, 2020

Benchmark Canada
Top 50 Trial Lawyers in Canada
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Lexpert Rising Stars
Leading Lawyers Under 40 (Litigation)
2013

Chambers Canada Award
Litigation Firm of the Year
2018

Chambers Canada
Litigation, General Commercial Department: Nationwide and Ontario
Band 1

External Engagements

Article
Gifford v Air Canada: **Ontario Court Grounds Alleged Conspiracy to Suppress Supply of Transborder Air Travel, co-author**
Dec 1, 2025
Class Action Defence Quarterly (LexisNexis Canada Inc.), Vol. 20, No. 2
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Speaking Engagement
Co-chair, The Advocates' Society, "Motions Advocacy", Webinar
Mar 9, 2023

Speaking Engagement
Law Society of Ontario, "Defamation Law: Trends and Developments"; Webinar
Nov 4, 2021

Speaking Engagement
The Advocates' Society and the American College of Trial Lawyers, Spring Symposium 2021: The Effective Advocate, "The Year in Review: Key Cases in 2020"; Webcast
Apr 21, 2021

Speaking Engagement
Ontario Bar Association, "Introducing Evidence at Trial"; Toronto, ON
Mar 1, 2019

Article
Ontario Court of Appeal Upholds Application of Regulated Conduct Defence to

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Jun 30, 2019
Competition Policy International
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Speaking Engagement
Co-chair, The Advocates' Society, "Examining and Cross-examining Experts", Toronto, ON
Apr 18, 2018

Article
If we can't trust witnesses, can we trust trials?
Oct 1, 2017
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The Advocates' Society, "Insolvency Litigation", Toronto, ON
Jun 7, 2017

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Princeton University, AB (Summa Cum Laude), 1996
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