



Matthew J. Smith

PARTNER

Matt represents public and private companies, their officers and directors, issuers, broker-dealers, investment banks and individuals in both commercial and securities-related disputes. Specifically, Matt has experience handling cases related to auction rate securities, accounting fraud, market manipulation, suitability, unauthorized trading and employment matters. He regularly represents clients in proceedings before governmental and self-regulatory organizations, including the SEC, the Colorado Division of Securities, FINRA and the New York Stock Exchange. Matt also conducts internal investigations of alleged misconduct for companies and represents individuals in such investigations.

Additionally, Matt is experienced in representing companies and individuals in litigation involving corporate governance disputes, fraud, trademark infringement claims, class actions and most other commercial areas.

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Practices

Business Litigation
Securities Litigation
Class Actions

Representative Experience

- Defended chief legal officer and other principals of a hedge fund in investigation into alleged wrong doing in a Bernie Madoff-related matter
- Defended securities firm and its principals against charges brought by state regulators alleging fraud in the sale of mortgage backed securities
- Defended officer of public company in a securities fraud case brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission alleging revenue recognition and other accounting fraud
- Defended securities firm and investment advisor from allegations by customers relating to the sale of \$35 million in auction rate securities
- Conducted internal investigation of one of the nation's largest insurance brokerages regarding alleged bid rigging and price fixing
- Defended officer of public and mutual fund company in parallel proceedings brought by the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission and shareholders alleging illegal market timing

Awards & Recognitions

- Leadership Denver, Class of 2011

Civic Involvement

- Boys & Girls Club of America
- The Children's Hospital, Committee Member, Parent Representative
- Denver Chamber Economic Development Corporation, Board of Governors

Admissions

- Colorado, 2000
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

Education

- J.D., University of Denver College of Law, 2000
Order of St. Ives
- B.S., University of Colorado, 1997

Publications & Presentations

- Co-author, "An Examination of the SEC's Efforts to Charge Peripheral Players with Securities Fraud," 40th Annual Rocky Mountain Securities Conference, May 2008
- Co-author, "SEC Enforcement Actions: Cooperation After the Seaboard Report," 39th Annual Rocky Mountain Securities Conference, May 2007