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OVERVIEW

Matthew has developed sophisticated and effective defense strategies for use at all phases of litigation in helping clients to defend against a variety of liability claims. He practices from Port Washington, New York as a member of our virtual office, The Link.

Matthew has vast experience defending clients in both state and federal court in a myriad of areas including products liability, environmental litigation, maritime, wrongful death, personal injury, toxic tort and premises liability. He routinely serves as lead counsel at multi-defendant depositions, devises settlement strategies, and participates in all pretrial and trial proceedings, including jury selection.

Matthew's pairs a thorough understanding of legal precedent with deep industry knowledge, including a variety of product types and classes such as industrial and maritime power generating equipment, heating and cooling systems, industrial pumping machinery, home renovation products, and automotive parts. His defense work has included litigation before the federal MDL panel in the Eastern District of PA, and within the New York City Asbestos Litigation case management structure.

Prior to entering private practice, Matthew served for three years as an assistant district attorney in the Nassau County District Attorney's office, where he prosecuted defendants for

Industries

Manufacturing

Technology

Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation

Class Action Defense

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

Product Liability

Toxic Tort

misdeemeanors and felonies and served as lead counsel in several jury trials.

Experience

- Secured dismissal by summary judgment before US Federal District Judge Colleen McMahon in a products liability wrongful death case for a Fortune 100 client (*Rita Marie Perkins, individually and as personal representative of the estate of Wayne Perkins vs. Air & Liquid Systems Corp. et al.*, 13 Civ. 8561 (CM)(USDC-SDNY 7/30/2015)).

Education

- J.D., New York University School of Law
 - *cum laude*
- B.A., Skidmore College
 - English

Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

Matthew is associated with the Washington, DC office for telephone purposes only. He is not admitted to practice in the District of Columbia.

Community Leadership

- Member, Board of Trustees for the Port Washington Public Library
- Cub Scout Den and Pack Leader for Pack 77, Theodore Roosevelt Council, Nassau County NY

*Matthew works remotely and is licensed in New York, practicing in Port Washington. Contact Matthew via email or phone for in-person/virtual meetings. Use the address 626 RexCorp Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 for mail/deliveries.



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