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Matthew is a member of Winston & Strawn’s litigation group, and he focuses his practice on complex civil litigation in state and federal courts. He has effectively assisted clients facing patent infringement suits, earnout disputes, and other complex business litigation, as well as government and internal investigations.

Matthew is a dependable legal researcher, writer, and advocate. He contributes to every stage of the case—conducting thorough factual and legal research, drafting persuasive motions and briefs, developing case strategy, preparing for trial or argument, and navigating settlement negotiations.

Before joining Winston, Matthew was an extern at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Missouri, where he helped prosecute violent crimes and firearms and drug offenses. He also externed for the Honorable Robert J. Steigmann of the Illinois Appellate Court.

Recognitions

While a law student, Matthew represented the University of Illinois with distinction at multiple national moot court competitions, for which he received the Dean Virginia Vermillion Award for Excellence in Oral Advocacy. He was a Finalist at the College of Law's prestigious Frederick Green Moot Court Competition and was named "Best Advocate" at the Anderson Center Seventh Circuit Moot Court Competition, where he argued before multiple panels of sitting federal judges.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Matthew earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law in 2024, where he was a Harno Scholar and a Notes Editor for *The Elder Law Journal*. He also received CALI awards (top student) in five courses. He received his B.S. in Management and International Business from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business in 2021.

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