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Matthew's practice is concentrated in commercial litigation with an emphasis on representing lenders and creditors in consumer litigation. He also handles estate planning, bankruptcy, and other general litigation matters. He brings a background in banking and mortgage origination. Before beginning a legal career, Matthew was a branch manager for Wells Fargo Financial, where he originated mortgages and other consumer loans.

His personal experience and background in loan origination serves him well in representing banks and debt collectors in claims brought under the West Virginia Consumer Credit Protection Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and various other consumer statutes.

Matthew also handles a variety of collection matters, including commercial debt collection and commercial and residential foreclosures.

He is active in the community, including volunteering for HealthyTriState.org, which hosts the annual St. Mary's Marshall Marathon; volunteering for Penny Power, a program that aids needy children; volunteering/coaching with various youth sports in Ceredo/Kenova; and sits on the board of the Ceredo/Kenova Little League, serving as treasurer.

Services

- Corporate & Transactional
- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Private Client & Family Wealth Planning
- Tax Planning
- Corporate Taxation
- Litigation

Education

- Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Pettit College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012)

- Marshall University (B.B.A., *cum laude*, 2005)

Bar Admissions

- West Virginia
- Ohio

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Affiliations/Memberships

- HealthyTriState.org, volunteer
- Ceredo/Kenova sports leagues, volunteer/board member
- Generation Huntington
- C-K Area Business Association
- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

Distinctions

- West Virginia *Rising Star*®
- *Best Lawyers*®, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation; Corporate Law (2021)

Experience

Obtained a Favorable Jury Verdict Following a Commercial Lease Dispute

We represented our client, a sub-lessor, against another business in a commercial lease dispute where each party claimed the other was in violation of a lease agreement for real and personal property. The matter went to trial and we received a favorable verdict in excess of the defendant's original settlement offers.

Provide representation in claims regarding state and federal credit acts

We represent third party lenders in claims regarding the West Virginia Consumer Credit Protection Act, Federal Truth in Lending Act and various other federal acts.

Client acquires multi-state mobile imaging company

We represented a client in its acquisition of a multi-state mobile radiology company and several years later represented the same client in its sale to a national company.