Holland & Hart



PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Real Estate Litigation
Stakeholder Disputes

INDUSTRIES

Mining

EDUCATION

University of California at Santa Cruz , B.A., 1995
Community Studies; Minor – Politics
Honors in Major
College Honors

Loyola Law School , J.D., 1999
Member, St. Thomas More Law Honor Society
Member, Phi Delta Phi Law Honor Society
Placed first in the California Regional for the National Moot Court Competition and competed in the national competition in New York City

BAR ADMISSIONS

California
Nevada

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

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Matthew provides strategic representation to commercial and individual clients, effectively guiding them through complex corporate and business litigation.

He counsels businesses operating in a wide range of industries – including mining, real estate, banks, and developers – and he has developed extensive experience in successfully representing clients in partnership or LLC business disputes. Matthew's experience extends to representing clients in Nevada and California state and federal courts as well as in arbitration matters. Clients frequently turn to him for advice to resolve contract disputes, business tort actions, and property disputes.

Matthew works with clients to avoid litigation when possible, pursuing dispute resolution through mediation. He frequently represents business owners, corporate clients, individuals, and business entities with operations at a local, national, and international level.

Matthew pursues a solution-oriented approach, providing assertive representation in court, arbitration, or during settlement negotiations.

Before joining the firm, Matthew was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Justice Cliff Young of the Nevada Supreme Court.

EXPERIENCE

Commercial Litigation and Stakeholder Disputes

Matthew works strategically with clients to resolve all types of commercial litigation and stakeholder disputes, including:

- Contract disputes in a wide range of industries, including banking, mining, and real estate
- Trade secret misappropriation matters
- Business torts, including negligent misrepresentation, interference with contracts, fraud, concealment, conversion, and breach of fiduciary duty
- Partnership and LLC member disputes, including fiduciary duties, valuation, and covenants not to compete
- Corporate governance disputes, including officers' and directors' duties and alleged mismanagement

Real Estate Litigation

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Matthew assists clients in real estate litigation matters, including:

- Easement and boundary disputes
- Title ownership disputes, including quiet title actions
- Property related contract issues

CLIENT RESULTS

Lead lawyer in obtaining preliminary and permanent injunctions in arbitration matter to enforce non-compete, non-solicit, and confidentiality clauses of operating agreement and obtained a multi-million-dollar award for misappropriation of client's trade secrets after two-week arbitration hearing.

Lead lawyer in obtaining summary judgment on behalf of a large international mining company in a mining royalty dispute that exceeded $20 million in alleged damages. Successfully defended the summary judgment decision on appeal in the Ninth Circuit

Successfully represent a major international aerospace, defense, electronics, and engineering company in several business disputes and litigation matters.

Represented a limited partner in a large and complex partnership and family dispute involving three separate lawsuits. Successfully negotiated a settlement of several million dollars on behalf of the client.

Successfully obtained judgment voiding deed of trust and promissory note after bench trial on behalf of a small utility company. Obtained favorable resolution through appellate settlement program.

Obtained dismissal of a lawsuit against a major international mining company regarding alleged wrongful death of an employee.

Co-lead lawyer in a contractual dispute concerning insurance coverage and alleged breach of fiduciary and statutory duties. Case resolved favorably during the trial.

Represented an Australian construction equipment manufacturer in distributor litigation. Case settled successfully before discovery.

Lead lawyer representing a developer in a dispute regarding a conservation easement. Dispute successfully resolved prior to litigation.

Represented a developer in a lawsuit against a county related to zoning and law use issues. Case successfully settled before discovery.

Lead lawyer in an arbitration matter involving a mining royalty dispute. Case settled on favorable terms during arbitration.

Successfully represented a large U.S. bank on several litigation matters, including embezzlement matters and contractual disputes.

RECOGNITION

- *Nevada Business Magazine*, Nevada Legal Elite/Top Rank Attorneys: Northern Nevada Attorneys, 2018, 2020-2026
    - On the cover of *Nevada Business Magazine*, June 2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Litigation - Real Estate, 2021 - 2023; Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Construction, Litigation - Environmental, 2024-2027

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Nevada, Member
- Washoe County Bar Association, Member
- State Bar of California, Member
- Tahoe-Truckee Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- Truckee AYSO Board Member, 2008-2020