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PARTNER

Overview As co-chair of the firm's Construction and Manufacturing service groups, Matthew oversees a team providing comprehensive transactional and litigation services to his clients in the construction industry, commonly dealing with contract drafting, negotiations, and disputes, as well as mechanics lien and construction defect claims. On behalf of their construction clients, Matthew and his team are routinely involved in complex projects and contentious, multi-party disputes.

As chair of the firm's OSHA Service Group, Matthew oversees a team ensuring that clients in all industries are in compliance with the applicable OSHA regulations. When OSHA issues arise, Matthew and his team represent clients at all stages, from the initiation of an inspection through the litigation of citations. Matthew's goal with an OSHA inspection is to avoid the issuance of citations altogether, but when citations are issued, he has the experience, knowledge, and credibility needed to resolve them in the best way possible.

Matthew is a proven advocate for his clients, and his practical and competitive nature allows him to achieve success in and out of the courtroom, as well as positive outcomes for his clients at all stages in their legal matters. Additionally, his creative and thoughtful approach to business and legal issues, coupled with his accounting and construction background, allow him to serve as a trusted and effective adviser to his clients.

Matthew's successes do not end in serving the legal needs of his clients. He is an accomplished legal writer and speaker, and is involved in many different legal and construction-related associations, including the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, the Underground Contractors Association, and the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association.

SERVICES

OSHA

Construction

Manufacturing & Food Processing

Health Care

Business Litigation

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D.

University of Illinois, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Experience

Successfully Defended a Nationwide Food Distributor From a Serious OSHA Citation

Represented the General Contractor in a Transaction for the Construction Contracts for the Completion of a Portion of the Obama Presidential Center

Prepared and Negotiated the Construction Contracts for a 137 Acre, Multi-Phase, Mixed-Income Development

Counseled National Logistics and Storage Company With Inspections

Counseled Food Processing Company Through Inspections

Counseled Regional Bridge Painting Company Through Inspections

Counseled Regional Carpentry Contractor Through Inspections

Obtained Favorable Ruling Denying Motion for Preliminary Injunction for Industrial Dairy Farm

Counseled General Contractors Through Inspections and Citations

Counseled Industrial Facility With Worker Fatality

Obtained Dismissal by Way of Dispositive Motion

Counseled Cable Manufacturing Facility With Employee Fatality

Obtained Summary Judgment on Behalf of Owner of Construction Project

Counseled Manufacturing Facility When Worker Fatally Suffocated

Defended Custom Home Builder in Case for Alleged Defects

Counseled Concrete Manufacturing Facility With Injury to a Worker

Represented General Contractor in a Case for Alleged Damages

Counseled Underground Construction Client in an OSHA Case

Represented Developer in Case Against Contractor

Counseled Recycling Client With Serious OSHA Citations

Defended Underground Contractor in OSHA Case

Counseled Client With Multiple Serious OSHA Citations

Represented General Contractor in Lawsuit Against Subcontractor

Defended General Contractor From Multiple OSHA Citations

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Successfully Negotiated the Favorable Settlement of a Commercial Leasing Dispute

Represented the General Contractor in the Transaction for a Sprawling, Multi-Use, Multi-Unit, Mixed-Income Development

Facilitated the Construction Contracts for the \$56 Million Development of a State-of-the-Art Cargo Facility at Chicago's O'Hare Airport

Represented the General Contractor in the Transaction for a Luxury, Mid-Rise Development

Prepared and Negotiated the Construction Contracts for the Completion of a \$43 Million Residential Development

Counseled Aluminum Processing Facility Through OSHA Case

Successfully Defended Aluminum Manufacturer

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; Defense Research Institute; Underground Contractors Association; Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association; Associated General Contractors of America; Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates

Honors

- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Firm News

25 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 28, 2022

22 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 29, 2021

19 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 29, 2020

17 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 24, 2019

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24 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2017 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 13, 2017

17 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers and 2016 Illinois Rising Stars Lists

Firm News, January 8, 2016

Illinois Super Lawyers & Illinois Rising Stars Names 17 Amundsen Davis Attorneys to 2015 List

Firm News, January 12, 2015

Alerts

[OSHA's Shift From Hard Hats to Safety Helmets Should Raise Concern for Employers](#)

[OSHA—Critical Updates for 2024](#)

[OSHA'S Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Standard Reinstated](#)

[OSHA to Issue Mandatory Vaccination and Testing Rule for Certain Employers](#)

[OSHA Revises Its Mask Guidance](#)

[CDC & OSHA End Mask Mandates for Vaccinated Employees](#)

[OSHA's New National Emphasis Program for COVID-19](#)

[OSHA's Latest COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[OSHA Under the Biden Administration](#)

[COVID-19 Updates Impacting Employers](#)

[COVID-19 Updates Impacting Workers Compensation and OSHA](#)

[COVID-19's Impact on Construction in Illinois](#)

[New Illinois Law Impacts Retainage for Contractors](#)

[New Law Requires Hospitals to Address Workplace Violence](#)

[OSHA Issues Memo on Incentive Programs and Drug Testing](#)

[New Bill May Impact Your Retainage](#)

[Deadline to Electronically Submit OSHA Data](#)

[OSHA Charges Ahead With Electronic Report Rule](#)

[OSHA Delays Electronic Report Rule](#)

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OSHA Postpones New Construction Silica Standard
OSHA Provides Guidance on New Injury Reporting Requirements
OSHA Update - New Fines, Requirements
OSHA Issues Final Electronic Reporting Rule
Knock, Knock ... It's OSHA

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Speaking Engagements

Construction Insights Series
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, Winter 2026

Tenth Annual Construction Industry Legal Power Seminar
Event, Amundsen Davis, Livestream, January 23, 2025

OSHA Recordkeeping Requirements and Best Practices
Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, March 7, 2024

Ninth Annual Construction Industry Program
Event, Amundsen Davis, Webcast, February 6, 2024

OSHA Updates & Tips for Managing an Inspection
Speaking Engagement, State Bar of Wisconsin Construction and Public Contracting Section, Webcast, November 2023

Illinois' Day and Temporary Labor Services Act – 2023 Safety & Training Mandates
Event, Amundsen Davis; Webcast, August 28, 2023

Taming the Most Aggressive OSHA in History, Updates for 2023 and Tips for Managing an Inspection
Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, April 19, 2023

Eighth Annual Construction Industry Seminar
Event, Amundsen Davis; Virtual Livestream, February 2, 2023

OSHA Updates for 2022 and Tips for Managing an Inspection & HR Related Issues
Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Seminar; Naperville, IL, September 28, 2022

OSHA Updates for 2022 and Tips for Managing an OSHA Inspection
Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, July 13, 2022

Blog Posts

Ohio's New E-Verify Requirement: What Nonresidential Construction Contractors Need to Know
Labor & Employment Law Update, January 15, 2026

OSHA Inspection Checklist: A Step-by-Step Guide for Employers When an Inspector Arrives

Labor & Employment Law Update, December 16, 2025

OSHA—Critical Updates for 2023 & 2024

Labor & Employment Law Update, September 14, 2023

Department of Labor Proposes Clarification of Construction PPE Standards

Labor & Employment Law Update, July 26, 2023

Department of Labor Announces New Invasive Rule Requiring Yearly Disclosures of 300 and 301 Injury and Illness Logs by Employers in High-Hazard Industries

Labor & Employment Law Update, July 20, 2023

The Department of Labor Has Announced a New National Emphasis Program to Prevent Hazards in High-Risk Workplaces

Labor & Employment Law Update, July 13, 2023

U.S. Department of Labor Announces Changes to OSHA'S Severe Violator Enforcement Program

Labor & Employment Law Update, December 15, 2022

U.S. Department of Labor Rolls Out Local Emphasis Program For Food Processing Facilities

Labor & Employment Law Update, December 12, 2022

OSHA's Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Standard Blocked

Labor & Employment Law Update, January 13, 2022

OSHA Suspends Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Standard

Labor & Employment Law Update, November 18, 2021

Budget Bill Increases OSHA Fines Five-Fold

Labor & Employment Law Update, September 30, 2021

OSHA Issues its Emergency COVID-19 Standard

Labor & Employment Law Update, June 10, 2021

OSHA's Latest COVID-19 Guidance

Labor & Employment Law Update, February 10, 2021

COVID-19 Illinois Workers' Compensation Amendment

Labor & Employment Law Update, May 26, 2020

OSHA Revises COVID-19 Guidance....Again

Labor & Employment Law Update, May 22, 2020

OSHA's NEW Enforcement Plan re: COVID-19

Labor & Employment Law Update, April 14, 2020

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OSHA & COVID-19

Labor & Employment Law Update, March 24, 2020

OSHA Issues Memo on Incentive Programs and Drug Testing

Labor & Employment Law Update, October 16, 2018

UPDATED 11/22/2017: Deadline to Electronically Submit OSHA Data

Labor & Employment Law Update, November 21, 2017

OSHA Charges Ahead With Electronic Report Rule

Labor & Employment Law Update, August 2, 2017

OSHA Delays Electronic Report Rule

Labor & Employment Law Update, June 27, 2017

OSHA – Now Doing Editorials

Labor & Employment Law Update, August 6, 2015

OSHA Inspection Guide: In Preparation for Increased OSHA Enforcement in 2015

Labor & Employment Law Update, December 16, 2014

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