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PARTNER

Overview

Matt has a knack for creating cohesive and compelling narratives. It serves him well as a litigator. For him, it's not just about knowing the law, it's about understanding a client's business and the particular facts and circumstances that make or break a case. Matt helps his clients understand how the law interacts with their business.

As a member of the firm's Business Litigation Service Group, Matt represents clients in all aspects of litigation, including commercial contracts, construction disputes, real property claims, and intellectual property matters. His primary client base includes small to mid-size businesses, construction companies, and municipalities. He also works with individuals who have contract, construction and high-fee disputes.

As co-managing partner of the firm's Milwaukee and Brookfield offices, Matt oversees a team of attorneys and staff with the goal of delivering exceptional client service. Outside the office, you can find him coaching little league baseball and youth basketball.

Experience

Successfully Moved for a Dismissal of an Intentional Fraud Claim Against the President of a Corporation

Won a Defense Verdict for a Milwaukee Alderman Facing Claims of Defamation and Tortious Interference

Represented a Concrete Subcontractor After a Partial Façade Collapsed at a Parking Garage

Negotiated a Settlement for a General Contractor After Terra Cotta Fell From a Newly Renovated Building

SERVICES

Business Litigation

Construction

EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

Boston College, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Wisconsin

Successfully Represented a Subcontractor on its Lien Claim When Financing for a Multimillion Dollar Project Ran Out and the Project Stalled

Recovered More than \$1.5 Million in Damages and Litigation Fees and Defeated a Multi-million Dollar Change Order Demand for a Village

Won a Motion to Dismiss on a Construction Contract Case Involving Enforceability of a Forum Selection Clause and Public Policy

Successfully Represented a Homeowner Who Discovered Substantial Errors in the Survey of His Property

Successfully Represented a Preferred Provider Network for Health Care Services in an Arbitration

Defended a Sewage District in Claims Alleging that the Deep Tunnel System Created Dewatering and Damage to a Local Business

Successfully Defended an Alderman in a Defamation Suit for Comments the Alderman Made

Defended Allegations of Negligence, Breach of Contract and Fraud in a Case Involving a Serious Construction Accident

Represented Family Trusts when the Death of a Principal Coincided with the Sale of the Family Business

Negotiated a Resolution for a Construction Company in a Multi-Million Dollar Dispute with a Municipality

Won a Defense Verdict for a Mechanical Contractor Against Allegations of Civil Theft, Conversion and Unjust Enrichment

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Milwaukee Bar Association; Defense Research Institute; Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin; American Bar Association; Wisconsin Fellows; Barrister's
- State Bar of Wisconsin: past chair of the Section Leaders Council; past chair for the Construction, and Public Contracting Section Board; past member of the Diversity Task Force; past member Paralegal Task Force
- Parish Committee Member: St. John Vianney Church
- Youth Sports Coach: Elmbrook Little League Baseball; Brookfield Parks & Recreation Basketball

Honors

- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Construction Law: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Litigation-Construction: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Selected to Best Lawyers® in Construction Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Milwaukee: 2018
- Selected to the Wisconsin Super Lawyers list: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- M Magazine, Leading Lawyers: 2014

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Firm News

Congratulations to Our 2025 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and Rising Stars!
Firm News, November 25, 2025

130 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2026 in America
Firm News, August 21, 2025

Congratulations to Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included on the 2024 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
Firm News, November 14, 2024

93 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2025 in America
Firm News, August 15, 2024

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in 2023 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists!
Firm News, November 16, 2023

77 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America
Firm News, August 17, 2023

Amundsen Davis Attorneys Included in the 2022 Wisconsin Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
Firm News, *Amundsen Davis*, November 15, 2022

Alerts

Proceed, Pause or Be Damned? Immediate Construction Contract Considerations for Owners and Contractors

Speaking Engagements

The Nuts & Bolts of Contract Drafting and Risk Management
Speaking Engagement, The Osthoff Resort; Elkhart Lake, WI, May 16, 2019

No Coverage? Practical Implications of Recent Wisconsin Insurance Cases on Construction Matters
Speaking Engagement, Glacier Canyon Lodge at the Wilderness; Wisconsin Dells, WI, June 15, 2017