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As a down-to-earth litigator, I take a practical, proactive approach and use my strategic thinking skills to engage in zealous advocacy for my clients. I concentrate on core values and essentials that translate into excellent client service delivery, such as hard work, efficiency, responsiveness, thoroughness, and attention to detail. I fully understand the importance of crafting smart tactics and resolutions that best further the interests and business objectives of those I serve.

Representing clients in state and federal courts, litigator Matthew “Matt” Dunn advises organizations and individuals in complex litigation matters, including breach of contract and commercial tort litigation, trusts and estates litigation, employment disputes and restrictive covenant litigation, maritime and international transaction disputes, and product liability litigation. Matt handles all stages of litigation and advocates for clients in trials, arbitrations, mediations and government agency investigations.

Matt also is experienced with technology law issues, working with companies on issues concerning data privacy, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. Matt serves in an advisory role, counseling clients on security issues and compliance with always-evolving regulatory frameworks, including U.S. and international laws and regulations relating to data privacy, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. He also consults with clients on complex matters relating to electronic discovery. He frequently writes articles on cybersecurity, data privacy, and technology issues.

Matt represents companies that do business in a variety of industries and locations across the country and the world. Matt has deep experience counseling clients in disputes involving high-value estates and trusts and fiduciary litigation, representing financial institution corporate trustees, individual fiduciaries, and beneficiaries.

Matt enjoys the creativity and cerebral challenge inherent in litigation and appreciates that no two disputes are the same. Each case has its own unique facts and way of unfolding, and he always carefully tailors legal strategies to optimally address the circumstances of each conflict. Matt has a deep understanding of how a particular message needs to be delivered to its specific audience, whether that's a judge or opposing counsel or some other party. In all cases he provides an honest legal risk assessment to clients and helps them balance potential threats with their pursuit of business opportunities. Matt's prior service in the U.S. Navy contributes to his ability to adeptly manage litigation, juggle multiple complex cases, and perform well under pressure.

Experience

- **Shareholder litigation:** Represented shareholder in Delaware Chancery Court Section 225 litigation involving the removal of directors of a NASDAQ listed company by a group of majority shareholders. Client obtained judgment in his favor after trial.
- **Commercial/International Arbitration:** Represented U.S.-based fertilizer trading company in international arbitration against Egyptian company in connection with bulk fertilizer purchases and sales transactions. Client obtained \$13 million arbitration award and judgment.
- **Securities/Financial:** Represent foreign investment entities in fraud actions in connection with investments in collateralized debt obligations consisting of residential mortgage-backed securities.
- **Securities/Financial:** Represent investment advisory group and private equity funds in SEC investigation relating to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- **Commercial:** Represented former executives of a registered investment advisor in connection with a multi-district litigation involving breaches of fiduciary duties by hedge fund advisors.
- **Commercial:** Represented securities trading software company in breach of contract dispute with broker-dealer in FINRA arbitration. Arbitration panel awarded full amount of damages to client, and judgment obtained.
- **Commercial/Maritime:** Represented global pharmaceutical company in action to recover damages for wrongful sale of valuable shipment of antibiotics by marine terminal. Settlement reached with all defendants at mediation after significant discovery and dispositive motions.
- **Products Liability/Maritime:** Represented naval architecture and marine engineering firm in connection with products liability action relating to an injury to a crewmember of a motor yacht. Obtained dismissal of client from the case.
- **Trusts & Estates:** Represent fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and other parties in connection with disputes regarding trusts and estates. For example, represented beneficiaries of estate and trusts in actions to remove and surcharge trustee and recover valuable jewelry assets wrongfully transferred by trustee; represented trustee of multiple family trusts in actions to remove and surcharge trustee for losses associated with Madoff-related investments; represented executor of an estate in a will contest and related guardianship proceeding; represent corporate trustee in accounting proceedings relating to estate and related family trusts.
- **Employment/Trade Secrets/Unfair Trade Practice:** Represented major wealth management and financial institution in action in federal court against former employees and competing wealth management firm involving claims of theft of trade secrets, unfair competition, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract (restrictive covenants), and tortious interference with contract. Client obtained \$3 million jury verdict.
- **Cybersecurity/Privacy:** Assist a variety of organizations with cybersecurity and data privacy compliance issues, including the development of cybersecurity policies and procedures, privacy policies, and incident response plans; third-party vendor assessment and management; and incident response and reporting.
- **First Amendment/Media:** Represented international bank executives in defamation actions relating to the infamous "Trump dossier."

- **Eminent Domain/Condemnation:** Represented public transportation agency at two separate trials involving valuation issues in connection with eminent domain proceedings.
- **Tax-Exempt Organizations:** Represented nationwide charity in connection with various governmental investigations, including a two-year investigation by the Office of the New York Attorney General.
- **Products Liability:** Represented global chemical company in connection with product liability case involving water sealant used on commercial buildings. Settlement reached through mediation.
- **Patent/Trademark:** Represented manufacturer of precision machine tools in action involving claims of patent and trademark infringement, unfair competition, and other business torts. Settlement reached after discovery phase.

Outside the Office

I have many outside-of-work interests including golf, skiing, and coaching youth ice hockey and baseball.

Publications

- [Texas AG's Billion-Dollar Settlement With Google Highlights Biometric Data Use Compliance Considerations](#), *Cybersecurity Law Report*, May 21, 2025
- [Impact of President Donald Trump's Recent Economic Commitment to the Middle East](#), May 19, 2025
- [Right to Repair Tech Begins to Feel the Effect of Trump Policies and Tariffs](#), March 28, 2025
- [AI: The Murky Regulatory Outlook . . . and What's Next](#), *The New York Law Journal*, February 21, 2025
- [Moves Toward Coherent Regulation of Crypto Products](#), February 5, 2025
- [Trump, Tariffs And Tech: The Right To Repair In 2025](#), *Law360*, January 9, 2025
- [Understanding Tech Terms: Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, Cryptocurrency, and AI — Part VI](#), October 28, 2024

Practices

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy
Litigation and Disputes
Employment Law
International Arbitration
Trusts & Estates
Tax-Exempt Organizations
Condemnation
First Amendment and Media Law
Latin America Cross-Border
Fiduciary Litigation
Middle East, North Africa and Turkey (MENAT)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

New Jersey
New York

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

Member, New York State Bar Association

Member, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York

E-Discovery Working Group

Secretary, Irish International Business Network, Board of Directors, New York Chapter

Education

Rutgers University School of Law at Newark (JD, 2003)

- Articles Editor, *Rutgers Law Review*

University of Notre Dame (BA, 1995)

Awards/Honors

Irish Legal 100, 2013-2014, 2016

Super Lawyers: Rising Stars, 2014

Super Lawyers 2023-2024