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MATT IS A MEMBER OF THE FIRM AND FOCUSES HIS PRACTICE ON THE AREAS OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE, BANKING, AND FINANCE.

Matt regularly provides guidance and assistance to clients on all phases of commercial real estate development including site identification and acquisition, construction, financing, leasing, and disposition. In addition to property owners and developers, his clients include national and regional banks that provide credit facilities for the various stages of development. Matt also works with national and local landlords and tenants on multi-tenant and single-tenant leases for industrial facilities, warehouses, retail and office space, shopping centers, and restaurants.

National and regional banks that provide financing for the development and redevelopment of commercial real estate look to Matt for counsel and problem solving. He also assists banks and other private and institutional lenders with loans for working capital, mezzanine financing, and equipment to facilitate a borrower's business needs.

Matt received his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Davidson College in 1997, and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2001. He was honored as Best Lawyers® Lawyer of the Year in Columbia for 2023 in the area of Banking and Finance Law, and has been recognized consistently by Columbia Business Monthly as a 'Legal Elite of the Midlands.'

Matt serves on the board of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation and is a long-time member and past Distinguished President of the Columbia Kiwanis Club. He enjoys spending time at the ballfield, in the woods, or on the water with his wife and three boys.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business
- Commercial Lending and Banking Law
- Real Estate

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented a national non-profit organization in resolving complex South Carolina real estate matters arising from statewide litigation, including title research and the preparation of conveyance documents for properties pursuant to a South Carolina Supreme Court order.
- Represented a financial institution in the acquisition of a participation interest in a $58 million commercial credit facility, providing counsel on loan documentation, security interests, lien priorities, and enforcement rights.
- Represented a national, institutional landlord in the negotiation and drafting of a complex lease renewal involving corporate mergers, reconfiguration of approximately 61,000 square feet of leased space, and a multimillion-dollar tenant improvement allowance.
- Represented a statewide professional organization in a complex headquarters relocation project, providing counsel on property acquisition, financing, governance approvals, and the disposition of existing real estate assets.
- Maintains an active practice as counsel to banks and other institutional lenders that provide construction, term, permanent, and conduit financing to their customers.
- Represented Real Estate Investments Trusts in connection with the acquisition and disposition of REIT assets throughout the United States.
- Assisted clients with matters involving real property taxation, valuation, and assessment.
- Represented property owners' associations with drafting and enforcing restrictive covenants.
- Represented clients with real property issues involving easements, local zoning ordinances, subdivisions, and matters involving local utilities.

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers
  - Banking and Finance Law (2023-2027)
    - Lawyer of the Year (2023-2024, 2026)
  - Corporate Law (2023-2027)
- *Columbia Business Monthly* Legal Elite of the Midlands (2017 – 2021, 2023, 2024)
- *Columbia Business Monthly* Legal Elite of the Midlands Top Attorney, (2013-2021, 2023)
- Richland County Bar Association
  - "Civic Star Award" (2005)
- AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Professional

- Columbia Kiwanis Club
  - Former President
- South Carolina Bar

- Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (2013-2014)
- Columbia Chamber of Commerce
  - Leadership Columbia Alumni Association Advisory Board (2012-2014)
  - Leadership Columbia (Class of 2004)
- Richland County Bar Association

Community

- South Carolina Wildlife Federation
  - Board of Directors
- Columbia Chamber of Commerce
  - Board of Directors (2015-2016)

CREDENTIALS

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina Bar

Court Admissions

- South Carolina

Education

- University of South Carolina School of Law, J.D. (2001)
- Davidson College, B.A. (1997)

RELATED INDUSTRIES

- Banking and Financial Services
- Corporate and Business
- Real Estate