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Overview

Matt is a general corporate and transactional attorney who represents clients in a wide range of settings and industries. He regularly counsels businesses and individuals on corporate law matters, including acquisitions and divestitures, commercial finance arrangements, real estate transactions, and matters related to partnership governance. He is active in the healthcare space, frequently representing doctors, practice groups, and medical device manufacturers in corporate and transactional matters. He also represents clients in the Rhode Island cannabis industry and enjoys working with entrepreneurs and other small and medium-size business owners in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In addition, Matt has extensive experience advising on large investments in the private equity space.

Prior to working at AP&S, Matt was an attorney for the Rhode Island Division of Taxation. He also spent a year working on international shipping disputes for a law firm in Seoul, South Korea, and he was a judicial law clerk for the Justices of the Rhode Island Superior Court during the 2012-2013 term.

Matt is proficient in Mandarin and lives on the East Side of Providence with his family.

Experience

- Represented the purchasers in a carve-out acquisition of a medical device implant manufacturer from a Nasdaq-listed public company.
- Represented the seller of a Rhode Island home health care agency in its acquisition by the largest provider of home-based care in the United States.
- Represented the purchasers in their acquisition of Rhode Island-based radiology facilities out of bankruptcy proceedings.
- Represented the minority owner of a Rhode Island cannabis company in partnership and real estate matters.
- Represented the principal stockholder of a Rhode Island shipping and fulfillment business in connection with his buyout of the remaining partners' interests.
- Represented numerous Rhode Island dentists in connection with the sale of their practices upon retirement.
- Represented the seller in connection with the asset sale of a local ophthalmology practice to a private equity buyer.
- Represented a software company and its owner in connection with the issuance of convertible notes to a small group of investors.
- Advised a startup company in an international joint venture for the manufacture and distribution of commercial products on Amazon.com.
- Advised a maritime organization in a highly regulated space in connection with corporate governance matters and the redemption of retiring partners' interests.

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- Advised a 501(c)(3) Rhode Island non-profit organization in court-sponsored dissolution proceedings.
- Regularly draft local counsel legal opinions for borrowers in financings secured by Rhode Island real estate.
- Represented the State of Rhode Island in numerous alternative investments in the range of $15 to $50 million.

Credentials

Practices

- Life Sciences
- Business & Corporate
  - Venture Capital
  - Mergers & Acquisitions
  - Commercial Finance
- Real Estate
- Tax
- Maritime Law
- Cannabis
- Health Care

Education

- Boston University School of Law (J.D., 2012)
- Columbia University (M.A., 2008)
- The George Washington University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2002)

Admissions

- Rhode Island
- Massachusetts
- New York

Honors

- Legal 500, US Elite: New England, 2026, Corporate M&A.
- Selected as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2021 -2026 in the fields of Corporate Law and Public Finance Law.
- Professional Excellence in the Law, Business Law, *Rhode Island Monthly*, 2026.
- Named a Rhode Island *Rising Star* by *Super Lawyers*, 2015 – 2023.
- Editor, Boston University Law Review

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Rhode Island Bar Association
- Member, Maritime Law Association of the United States

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