



Matthew E. Linsky

associate

Matthew is an associate in the Litigation Department, focusing his practice on commercial litigation with an emphasis on real estate and fiduciary matters.

A third generation Tampanian, Matthew hails from a family of attorneys with a variety of practices throughout the Tampa Bay area. Drawing on his familial and professional influences, Matthew is a passionate and detailed advocate with successful dispositive motion, jury trial and appellate experience.

Matthew distinguished himself both in academics and in leadership throughout his education. In law school, he served on the Florida State University Law Review Editorial Board, was an Editor for both the Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law and the Business Review and held the role of Chief of the Student Supreme Court, reflecting his commitment to scholarship and institutional leadership. As an undergrad at Columbia University, he earned Departmental Honors in Political Science and demonstrated his leadership skills as Senior Class President and Chair of the Student Group Adjudication Board.

While in law school, Matthew externed for the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit and was later hired by the court to assist multiple judges in managing their civil dockets. He also clerked for the managing partner emeritus of the Tallahassee office of a large national firm, where he assisted in a successful Eleventh Circuit appeal addressing the scope and application of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act's commercial activity exception, a subject on which he was subsequently published in the Journal of Transactional Law and Policy.

Before entering the legal profession, Matt worked in the music industry for publishers and other rights-holders, focusing on A&R services, synchronization licensing and copyright administration.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Obtained jury verdict, money judgment and injunctive relief in condominium litigation for unit owner for the association's failure to maintain, repair and replace common elements in Pinellas County Circuit Court.

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EDUCATION

Florida State University College of Law, J.D., 2023

Columbia University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2020

SERVICES

Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- Probate, trust and guardianship litigation

Real Estate

- Real estate litigation

Tax, Estate Planning & Personal Wealth

- Probate, trust and guardianship litigation

- Successfully defended appeal regarding the correct standard of loss of use damages in Florida's Second District Court of Appeals.
- Obtained summary judgement determining liability on tortious interference with business relationships and defamation in favor of developer/declarant of homeowner's association in Pasco County Circuit Court, with a finding of actual malice.
- Obtained multi-million settlement in defamation case against documentary filmmaker and distributor in the Middle District of Florida.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Florida

PUBLICATIONS

- "A centuries long game of hot potato: The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act's commercial activity exception as applied to employment disputes," *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*, Vol. 33, 2024

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- North Tampa Bar Association
- Clearwater Bar Association
- J. Clifford Cheatwood Inn of Court
- Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar
- Trial Lawyer Section of the Florida Bar

HONORS | AWARDS

- Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Mock Trial Competition, Semi-Finalist
- 73rd Florida State University Student Government Association Senate Mores Award
- Columbia University, Phi Beta Kappa Award

COMMUNITY

- Hillsborough County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, Chair of Grants, Awards and By-Laws Committee, 2025-present