

Matthew J. Hills Attorney

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Matthew's practice focuses on serving the needs of businesses, whether early-stage startup, well-established, large, or small. Increasingly, his clients desire to structure their businesses with the goals of achieving both community purpose and profit. Matthew counsels these clients on the merits of organizing as a benefit corporation or obtaining B Corporation certification to demonstrate this commitment both internally and to their customer base. Matthew has negotiated and completed numerous transactions, from complex commercial leases to corporate acquisitions and mergers. He provides his clients with exceptional and creative legal services and takes special care to explain complicated legal issues in an honest and straightforward manner.

Matthew is also an experienced litigator and strives to resolve disputes efficiently and cost-effectively. Where settlement negotiations break down, he is not afraid to take the dispute to court, and appeal, if necessary. He has litigated an array of matters, including complex commercial disputes, real property disputes, and patent litigation.

Like so many of the businesses he represents, Matthew understands that what is good for the community is also good for business. Matthew's passion for literacy and education inspires him to volunteer his time with various like-minded organizations throughout Wisconsin. He also regularly volunteers with the Milwaukee Justice Center Mobile Legal Clinic.

Representative client matters include:

- Counseling business owners on the creation of new business ventures including corporations, benefit corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies.
- Negotiating and drafting business contracts for the licensing of intellectual property.
- Representing purchasers and sellers in asset and stock purchase transactions.
- Negotiating and drafting simple and complex commercial real estate leases.

- Working with business clients to develop policies in compliance with a range of federal laws and regulations, including Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and Occupational Safety and Health Administrative (OSHA) regulations.
- Transaction team member on client's successful acquisition of multiple healthcare facilities, which presented varied and complex issues including HUD compliance and licensing considerations.
- Represented construction company as part of litigation team that successfully obtained summary judgment against construction defect claims totaling \$650,000. On appeal, obtained affirmance of summary judgment and award of attorneys' fees.

On appeal, successfully obtained reversal of trial court's Order dismissing municipal client from action involving dispute over bequest.

Articles

- Author (with Shawn M. Govern) of Chapter Five, "Buying and Selling a Small Business" in *Securities, Mergers, and Acquisitions in Wisconsin* (State Bar of Wisconsin, 2015–16)
- Author (with Jordan Rohlfing) of "Constitutional Law" in *Annual Survey of Wisconsin Law* (State Bar of Wisconsin, 2016)

Expertise

- Business
- Benefit Corporations and B Corporations
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Start-up and Business Consulting
- Commercial Contracts
- Licensing agreements
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property
- Licensing
- Litigation
- Litigation
- Appeals
- Commercial real estate Disputes
- Commercial contract disputes

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Marquette University Law School
- B.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison

Admissions

- State Bar of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Affiliations

- Milwaukee Bar Association
- United Performing Arts Fund, Next Generation Council Member
- Volunteer, Milwaukee Justice Center Mobile Legal Clinic

Honors

- Associate Editor of the *Marquette Law Review*
- Wisconsin Rising Stars® (Business Litigation) – 2018-2019