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Practice Areas

Litigation

Bankruptcy and Collections

Creditors' Rights and Collections

Probate, Estates and Trusts

Litigation

Matt Lautman is a trial attorney focusing on business litigation, construction litigation, and probate, estate and trust litigation matters. Matt represents his clients in both federal and state court, along with private arbitration and non-binding mediation.

As part of his business litigation practice, Matt handles breach of contract claims, shareholder disputes, breach of fiduciary duty claims, tort claims (including personal injury and property damage), fraud/misrepresentation, real estate disputes, and non-competition/ non-solicitation matters, and shareholder disputes. As part of his construction law practice, Matt represents architects and engineers in design defect cases. Matt also represents clients in delay damage claims, wrongful termination matters, mechanic's lien claims, along with claims involving the Pennsylvania Contractor and Subcontractor Payment Act and the Prompt Payment Act.

In addition, Matt represents individuals in probate, estate and trust litigation matters. This work involves representing executors, trustees, beneficiaries and agents in an array of matters, including removal proceedings, will contests, surcharge matters, accounting, and claims of breach of duty and misappropriation.

Matt is actively involved in community activities. Matt is a Trustee on the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees, his alma mater, and has served in this capacity since 2013. Matt chaired the Council of Trustees in 2015-2016, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022. Most recently, Matt served on the search committee charged with identifying SRU's 18th President. In addition, Matt established the Dr. Martin and Rena Lautman Memorial scholarship in memory of his grandparents, a partial scholarship provided to a qualified undergraduate with a concentration in political science.

Matt is also a member of the Borough of Seven Fields Planning Commission and the Allegheny County Bar Association.

In the past, Matt served as a former board member of the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation, and a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council Trivia Boql Planning Committee. Matt is a graduate of the Pittsburgh Leadership, where he worked on the Developments Initiative XVII.

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- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- State of West Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.
Class President
- Slippery Rock University, B.A.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Allegheny County Bar Association (Civil Litigation Section)
- Member, Former Chair, Council of Trustees, Slippery Rock University
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Oakland Planning and Development Corporation
- Graduate, Leadership Development Initiative XVII

Publications

- What Happens if an Insured Settles a Case Without the Consent of its Insurer?
- Know the 'American Rule'
Butler County Business News – August, 2015
- Step Aside Subcontractors, Open-Ended Mortgages Take Priority
- What do I do with all that "stuff" my tenant left behind?
- Legal Tools Used in the Collection of Construction Debt, Part I: Mechanic's Lien Law
- Are You Your Mother's Keeper?
- Joint and Several Liability Can Cost You More Than Your Fair
- Bankruptcy Preference Claims: Three Words You Don't Want to Hear
- Attorney-Client Privilege

Presentations

- Contract Law for Design Professionals
- Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: Shaking Hands With the Rule
- Protect Your Business Now in Case a Customer Stops Paying Later
- Considerations When Dealing with a Distressed and/or Bankrupt Customer
- The Fair Share Act: How It Changes Comparative Negligence in Pennsylvania
- Mistakes that Cost your Business Money...and how to avoid them
- Construction Projects: On Time and On Budget

