



Matthew D. McDougall, **Partner**

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Matthew is a passionate and pragmatic advocate emphasizing realistic expectations and outcomes for his litigation clients. He is frequently utilized by other attorneys to efficiently and effectively handle a variety of litigation matters, and he successfully represents clients in actions ranging from simple to highly complex litigation disputes.

Matthew litigates cases in civil, appellate, and administrative law courts, and strives to provide each of his clients with highest standard of legal representation possible.

A resident of Waconia, Minnesota, Matthew received his B.S. in Criminology from Kansas State University and received his J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law. During law school, Matthew was a member of the Rosalie E. Wahl Moot Court Team, served as a Judicial Extern for former Ramsey County Chief Judge Gregg Johnson, and completed an externship with the Hennepin County Examiner of Titles Office. Matthew is a former President of the Eighth District Bar Association. He joined Melchert Hubert Sjodin in 2012.

General Civil Litigation

Matthew has significant experience representing clients, both in and out of the courtroom, across a broad spectrum of litigation matters ranging from fairly simple disputes to highly complex cases. He is a highly effective advocate who focuses on providing his clients with realistic expectations and effective representation while pursuing the best possible results in every matter.

Commercial Litigation

Matthew represents both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of commercial, agricultural, and business litigation matters including enforcement of non-compete agreements, contract disputes, and commercial and industrial construction disputes.

Estate Administration/Probate/Trust Litigation

In the area of Estate Administration/Probate/Trust Litigation, Matthew represents a variety of client in disputes involving the administration of intestate and testate estates and trust litigation matters. These matters include but are not limited to:

- Will Contests for lack of capacity, fraud, undue influence, etc.;
- Enforcement of trust documents;
- Changes to beneficiary designations;
- Misappropriation of assets;
- Abuse of fiduciary duties;
- Establishing or contesting guardianships and conservatorships; and
- Representation of Special Administrators, Personal Representatives, and Trustees.

Municipal Litigation

Matthew assists a number of municipalities in litigating a variety of disputes including matters involving real property annexation, property tax disputes, and assessment appeals.

Real Estate Litigation

Matthew represents both plaintiffs and defendants in litigating a broad spectrum of commercial, agricultural, industrial, and residential real estate disputes including but not limited to:

- Boundary disputes;
- Commercial and residential eviction/unlawful detainer actions;
- Contract disputes;
- Construction disputes;
- Construction disputes;
- Easement disputes; and
- Landlord/Tenant Rights.

Admissions

- Minnesota (2012)
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota (2016)

Professional Activities

- Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA)
- McLeod County Bar Association
- Eighth District Bar Association, President (2015-2016), Vice President (2014-2015), Secretary (2013-2014).
- Mock Trial, Attorney Coach (2015)

Education

- B.S. Criminology ; Kansas State University
- J.D. William Mitchell College of Law (Cum Laude)

Community Involvement

- Member, Waconia/West Carver Rotary Club, Current Secretary
- Board Member, Carver County Historical Society, Current Secretary
- Member, Hutchinson Jaycees (2015)
- Member, Hutchinson Economic Development Finance Team (2015)