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Not only is Matt Malinowski seasoned at representing clients in highly complex, "bet the company" trials and litigation, but he also excels at masterminding the case strategy and skillfully orchestrating results. An avid sports enthusiast, Matt's competitive nature makes him quick on his feet, and allows him to excel under pressure and improvise on the fly.

With a wealth of experience in high-stakes litigation, Matt has tried cases in state and federal courts and has handled every level of trial advocacy, from voir dire all the way through closing, often in so-called "judicial hellhole" jurisdictions. In addition to his extensive trial work, he has copious experience conducting summary judgment and *Daubert* dispositive motions hearings, both pre-trial and during trial, in courts throughout the country. Matt often shares his knowledge and experience through presentations related to ethical and strategic trial strategies in high-profile litigation.

Defending corporate clients in serial mass tort litigation and trials, including both state and federal multidistrict litigation, Matt specializes in the areas of:

- medical device and pharmaceutical products liability defense, including successfully defending brand-name pharmaceutical companies against so-called "innovator liability" claims by plaintiffs allegedly injured from exposure to generic drugs;
- multiple plaintiff serial trials and related litigation;
- high-stakes financial and commercial contract disputes;
- high-dollar lost business value and business interruption claims; and
- putative class action and mass groundwater and soil contamination cases.

Often described as tenacious and a straight shooter, Matt has tried some of the most high-profile cases in the country over his career. Some notable cases include the following:

- In 2025, Matt was co-lead trial counsel in a first-of-its-kind natural resource damages trial in federal court in New Jersey involving claims for environmental resource damages brought by the New Jersey Attorney General against multiple parties for billions of dollars in damages allegedly stemming from the historical release of PFAS and other environmental contaminants in New Jersey.
- He was also co-lead trial counsel in the first Cook County, Illinois case alleging cancer among residents living near a medical device sterilization facility that emitted ethylene oxide.
- As lead trial counsel for one of the world's largest petrochemical companies in serial state-court trials in Iberville Parish, Louisiana stemming from a plant explosion, involving multiple personal injury cases, and subsequent two-year plant shutdown, Matt has actively prosecuted commercial contract claims, against a company that formerly co-owned and operated the plant, under both breach of contract and contractual indemnification causes of action with hundreds of millions of dollars at stake.
- In the pharmaceutical arena, Matt successfully tried a case on remand from one of the most active federal MDLs, achieving a defense verdict in Florida.
- Matt represented an industry sponsored recycling program as lead counsel in an antitrust case pending in California.
- He represented a large firm client in the defense of a substantial lost business value and business interruption case stemming from a train derailment at an industrial plant site, in which the plaintiff company sought hundreds of millions of dollars in alleged damages.
- Having represented a medical device manufacturer in serial litigation involving surgical mesh used to repair hernias, Matt was part of the trial team for the first jury trial in that litigation, which resulted in a complete defense verdict that was subsequently named by The National Law Journal as one of the year's "Top Ten Defense Wins."

Another aspect to Matt's practice includes advising clients on employment and labor controversies both before and after litigation has ensued. Representing corporate clients in extra-jurisdictional document production disputes involving internal employment files and highly sensitive corporate documents and assessments, he also counsels clients on the proper handling of and best practices associated with different garnishment proceedings. Matt leads interviews of potential corporate witnesses to develop a detailed understanding of the underlying facts necessary to present the best possible corporate liability litigation defense.

A "lifer" at the firm, Matt started as a paralegal and worked his way up through the ranks of summer associate to partner. His consistent presence and service to firm clients have allowed him to develop close relationships built on a unique and unwavering trust.

Services

Business Interruption & Commercial Disputes
Complex Litigation
Engineering & Construction
Environmental
Government Investigations, White Collar & Civil Defense
Natural Resource Damages
Pharmaceutical & Medical Device

Products Liability & Toxic Torts
Risk Mitigation & Management
Transportation

Education

Emory University School of Law (J.D., 2003)
Michigan State University (B.A., 1998, *with honors*)

Admissions

District of Columbia
Virginia
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
United States District Courts for the Central and Northern Districts of California
United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
United States District Court for the District of Nebraska
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*
  - "Matthew Malinowski is the kind of litigator who's very seasoned, knows the systems very well and knows how to be effective. He clearly has a killer instinct in litigation. Although, if we had to take a different approach, he was very flexible and amenable to our needs and wants as a company. He was super helpful." — Client
  - "He's a wonderful lawyer." — Client
  - "Matthew Malinowski's client service, level of sophistication, commercial awareness, and vision are all very strong. He is an excellent, first-rate trial lawyer. He developed comprehensive case strategy and assembled a high-quality team to execute that strategy. He is a very clear, persuasive and articulate speaker." — Client
  - "Matt is experienced beyond his years. He is a fierce trial attorney who is not afraid to handle significant cases in unfavorable jurisdictions." — Client
  - "He is an amazing litigator with a solid understanding of the goals and interests of clients." — Client
  - "Matt has a very strong business understanding, is highly sophisticated in legal matters, and provides excellent support." — Client
  - "Matthew Malinowski is a smart cookie. He is tenacious, clear speaking, persuasive and quick to get to the point. He is very good." — Third Party
- *Best Lawyers in America,* Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Defendants, 2024-2027

- *Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2023-2026

Memberships

- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Member, 2004 – Present
- The John Carroll Society, 2009 – Present
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (NARTC), 2007 – Present
  — Executive Committees on Preemption and Program Issues, Member
  — Annual Trial College, Faculty Member Instructor