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## About Matthew

An accomplished trial lawyer, Matthew concentrates his practice on complex litigation, with an emphasis in construction, commercial, employment, municipal, healthcare litigation, and religious institutions liability. He represents construction companies in complex property damage, personal injury, and employment litigation. In his capacity as a special Cook County state's attorney, he has also represented state and local officials in tort and civil rights litigation.

Matthew represents numerous Illinois hospitals, doctors, and religious organizations in complex litigation, and leads a team of attorneys who conduct internal investigations at hospitals, municipalities, religious organizations, and companies to identify potential criminal and civil exposure. In addition, he has handled high-profile and high-exposure sexual abuse matters on behalf of school districts, religious orders, medical, and mental health facilities.

Matthew also is general counsel for several multimillion-dollar companies, where he manages, coordinates and directs all legal activities, including the drafting of contracts and the handling of commercial litigation, trademark, and copyright issues and employment disputes.

## Matthew's Affiliations

- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), Board of Directors, 2017 – 2029
- Chicago Bar Association, Board of Managers, 2022 – 2024
- Illinois Bar Association
- Chicago Inn of Court
- Celtic Legal Society of Chicago, Treasurer; Board Member; President
- Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, Committee on Character and Fitness, 2007 – 2017

- Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Alumni and Reunion Committee, Co-Chairman, 2008 – present

## Areas of Focus

- Industries:** Construction; Education; Government; Healthcare
- Services:** Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Complex Commercial Litigation ;  
Labor & Employment; Litigation & Trial
- Initiatives:** Nationwide Litigation Portfolio Management

## Experience

- Represented a large Illinois health system in a lawsuit, which received significant media attention, stemming from an alleged breach of private health information from a hospital system. After a four-week jury trial and six hours of deliberations, jury returned a complete verdict for our client and awarded zero damages. In closing, plaintiff asked for \$10 million in compensatory and \$50 million in punitive damages.
- Secured a not guilty verdict for a Hinshaw client. The Hinshaw team represented a banking executive who was accused of attempting to board an airplane while knowingly in possession of a loaded handgun — a felony.
- Obtained a favorable verdict for St. Mary’s of Nazareth Hospital following a two-week complex medical malpractice jury trial in which plaintiffs sought \$3.5 million in damages for the death of a psychiatric patient.
- Represented the Cook County Sheriff’s Office in the case of Fields v. Byrne, a high-profile civil rights case filed by four inmates housed in the Cook County Department of Corrections alleging excessive force by numerous correctional officers. After a three-week trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the Cook County Sheriff’s Office.
- Represented Northwest Community Hospital in a premises liability case in which the plaintiffs sought more than \$2 million in damages. After a two-week trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of the hospital.
- Obtained a successful result in a case of first impression in Illinois on behalf of an assistant public defender against claims involving legal malpractice for his representation of an individual who was convicted of sexual assault and sentenced to 36 years in prison. Four years later, he was pardoned by then Illinois Governor James Edgar based upon exculpatory DNA evidence. The plaintiff alleged that the assistant public defender failed to investigate and present biological evidence at trial and asked for \$4 million in damages. After a two-week trial, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Hinshaw’s client.

## Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Construction Law, 2025 – 2026
- Irish American Hall of Fame, Class of 2023
- BTI Client Service All-Star, 2019

- *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, Top 40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch, 2004
- Martindale-Hubbell for ethics and legal ability
- *Leading Lawyer*, Commercial Litigation; Construction; Construction Litigation; Governmental, Municipal, Lobbying & Administrative Law; Medical Malpractice Defense; Professional Malpractice Defense

## Credentials

### Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology, JD, 1992

Bradley University, BS, 1989

### Bar Admissions

Illinois

### Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

## Interests

### Community/Civic Activities

- Marillac St. Vincent Family Services, Board Member
- Village of Indian Head Park, Illinois, Trustee (2002–2016); Acting Mayor; Planning and Zoning Committee, Former Co-Chairman
- Alexian Foundation, Board Member

## Thought Leadership

### Presentations

Matthew has lectured on trial technique and strategy at Chicago-Kent College of Law, DePaul University College of Law, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, the American Bar Association, and Hinshaw University's Trial Advocacy Program.

- Co-Presenter, "Post Pandemic Office Policy Committee Report," Law Practice Management & Technology Committee, Chicago Bar Association, Webinar, September 24, 2024

### Publications

- Co-Author, Chapters 3 and 4, [Dramshop Act Practice](#), Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2024 Edition
- “[Understanding Intellectual Property Rights](#),” author, *Salon Today*, December 1, 2015
- “[Protecting Your Greatest Asset with a Non-Compete Agreement](#),” author, *Salon Today*, November 9, 2015
- “[Structuring Your Business](#),” author, *Salon Today*, October 16, 2015

## In The News

- Six Hinshaw Attorneys Contribute Chapters to the 2024 Edition of the “Dramshop Act Practice” IICLE Handbook, Feb 16, 2024
- A Profile of Hinshaw Partner Matt Walsh: Unique Way of Preparing Cases Yields Outstanding Results, Jan 30, 2018
- Matthew Walsh Authors Article on Protecting Your Greatest Asset with a Non-Compete Agreement in *Salon Today*, Nov 11, 2015
- Chicago Partner Matthew P. Walsh II Co-Organizer for June 2014 Cook County State’s Attorney Reunion, Apr 25, 2014

## Insights for Employers Alert

- Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission Notice of Emergency Amendment Regarding COVID-19, Apr 15, 2020

## Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- The Walsh Family Inducted Into the Irish American Hall of Fame, Feb 6, 2023
- Matthew Walsh Elected to the Chicago Bar Association’s Board of Managers, Oct 26, 2022
- Hinshaw Secures Class Certification Reversal in Seventh Circuit, Aug 10, 2012