

# Matthew J. Walker

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### About Matthew

Matthew is a skilled personal injury defense attorney with a diverse practice that includes wrongful death, property damage, product liability, consumer protection, class action, and construction defect disputes. He also has extensive experience across trucking, transportation, premises liability, and commercial litigation.

He has resolved matters at trial and through arbitration for clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses and individuals. Matthew helps clients navigate very difficult case subject matter such as alleged traumatic brain injuries, congenital heart defects, wrongful death, and other catastrophic injuries.

#### Matthew's Affiliations

- Broward County Bar Association
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association

## **Areas of Focus**

**Industries:** Construction; Consumer Financial Services; Financial Services; Insurance;

Transportation & Mobility

Services: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); Complex Commercial Litigation;

Complex Tort & General Casualty; Consumer & Class Action Defense; Litigation & Trial

### **Experience**

- Obtained a zero-liability verdict at arbitration in a wrongful death lawsuit in which the plaintiff sought damages in excess of \$1 million.
- Successfully defended a sub-contractor in a construction defect case where the plaintiff alleged that they suffered permanent injuries from carbon monoxide poisoning. Additionally, the general contractor's claims for indemnification were successfully refuted based on a multitude of defenses to the indemnification agreement.
- Obtained a defense verdict at trial in a trucking accident. The jury held that the subject accident did not cause any of the plaintiff's alleged injuries.
- Favorable settlement for a charitable organization in a wrongful death lawsuit alleging that the defendant failed to detect and treat a congenital heart defect.
- Obtained a defense verdict at trial in a premises liability case. The plaintiff slipped and fell due to water intrusion in an apartment and alleged permanent nerve damage in one arm due to broken glass.
- Successfully represented a trucking company in a catastrophic construction accident. The plaintiff's alleged damages included limb amputation, phantom limb pain, failure of multiple prosthetic devices, and psychological trauma.
- Successfully pursued a breach of contract action against the defendant in a lawsuit alleging that the defendant engaged in a complex fraudulent scheme involving fabricated subscriber accounts and false leads for alarm monitoring services.
- Obtained dismissals with prejudice for a large retail company in class action lawsuits disputing the information contained on various clothing tags.
- Favorable settlement for a plaintiff in a commercial litigation matter involving the purchase of horses in which claims for fraud, breach of contract, and negligence were asserted against numerous defendants. The litigation lasted for approximately seven years and spanned multiple states.

## Recognition

• Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, Moot Commercial Arbitration Competition; Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Competition — Placed within the top 64 teams in the world

### **Credentials**

#### Education

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, JD, cum laude, 2013 Florida Atlantic University, BA, magna cum laude, 2009

#### **Bar Admissions**

Florida

#### **Court Admissions**

US District Court for the Middle District of Florida
US District Court for the Southern District of Florida

### Languages

Italian

### **Interests**

### Did you know...

Matthew loves learning about history, and if not a lawyer, would likely be a history teacher.

## **Thought Leadership**

#### **Press Release**

• Hinshaw Announces Election of Eleven New Partners In Seven U.S. Offices, Jan 3, 2023