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PARTNER

Overview As co-chair of the firm's Construction Service Group, Matthew oversees a team providing comprehensive transactional and litigation services to his clients in the construction industry, commonly dealing with contract drafting, negotiations, and disputes, as well as mechanics lien and construction defect claims. On behalf of their construction clients, Matthew and his team are routinely involved in complex projects and contentious, multi-party disputes.

As chair of the firm's OSHA Service Group, Matthew oversees a team ensuring that clients in all industries are in compliance with the applicable OSHA regulations. When OSHA issues arise, Matthew and his team represent clients at all stages, from the initiation of an inspection through the litigation of citations. Matthew's goal with an OSHA inspection is to avoid the issuance of citations altogether, but when citations are issued, he has the experience, knowledge, and credibility needed to resolve them in the best way possible.

Matthew is a proven advocate for his clients, and his practical and competitive nature allows him to achieve success in and out of the courtroom, as well as positive outcomes for his clients at all stages in their legal matters. Additionally, his creative and thoughtful approach to business and legal issues, coupled with his accounting and construction background, allow him to serve as a trusted and effective adviser to his clients.

Matthew's successes do not end in serving the legal needs of his clients. He is an accomplished legal writer and speaker, and is involved in many different legal and construction-related associations, including the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, the Underground Contractors Association, and the Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association.

SERVICES

OSHA

Construction

Manufacturing & Food
Processing

Health Care

Business Litigation

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law
School, J.D.

University of Illinois, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Experience

Represented the General Contractor in a Transaction for the Construction Contracts for the Completion of a Portion of the Obama Presidential Center

Prepared and Negotiated the Construction Contracts for a 137 Acre, Multi-Phase, Mixed-Income Development

Counseled Regional Carpentry Contractor Through Inspections

Obtained Favorable Ruling Denying Motion for Preliminary Injunction for Industrial Dairy Farm

Counseled General Contractors Through Inspections and Citations

Counseled Industrial Facility With Worker Fatality

Obtained Dismissal by Way of Dispositive Motion

Counseled Cable Manufacturing Facility With Employee Fatality

Obtained Summary Judgment on Behalf of Owner of Construction Project

Counseled Manufacturing Facility When Worker Fatally Suffocated

Defended Custom Home Builder in Case for Alleged Defects

Counseled Concrete Manufacturing Facility With Injury to a Worker

Represented General Contractor in a Case for Alleged Damages

Counseled Underground Construction Client in an OSHA Case

Represented Developer in Case Against Contractor

Counseled Recycling Client With Serious OSHA Citations

Defended Underground Contractor in OSHA Case

Counseled Client With Multiple Serious OSHA Citations

Represented General Contractor in Lawsuit Against Subcontractor

Defended General Contractor From Multiple OSHA Citations

Successfully Negotiated the Favorable Settlement of a Commercial Leasing Dispute

Counseled National Logistics and Storage Company With Inspections

Counseled Food Processing Company Through Inspections

Counseled Regional Bridge Painting Company Through Inspections

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Represented the General Contractor in the Transaction for a Sprawling, Multi-Use, Multi-Unit, Mixed-Income Development

Facilitated the Construction Contracts for the \$56 Million Development of a State-of-the-Art Cargo Facility at Chicago's O'Hare Airport

Represented the General Contractor in the Transaction for a Luxury, Mid-Rise Development

Prepared and Negotiated the Construction Contracts for the Completion of a \$43 Million Residential Development

Successfully Defended Aluminum Manufacturer

Counseled Aluminum Processing Facility Through OSHA Case

Membership & Involvement

- Member: Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel; Defense Research Institute; Underground Contractors Association; Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association; Associated General Contractors of America; Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates

Honors

- Selected to the Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Firm News

34 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 28, 2022

34 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 29, 2021

32 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 29, 2020

29 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2019 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
January 24, 2019

27 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2017 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
SmithAmundsen, January 13, 2017

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28 SmithAmundsen Attorneys Included on 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers and 2016 Illinois Rising Stars Lists
SmithAmundsen, January 8, 2016

Illinois Super Lawyers & Illinois Rising Stars Names 26 SmithAmundsen Attorneys to 2015 List
January 12, 2015

Alerts

OSHA'S Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Standard Reinstated

OSHA to Issue Mandatory Vaccination and Testing Rule for Certain Employers

OSHA Revises Its Mask Guidance

CDC & OSHA End Mask Mandates for Vaccinated Employees

OSHA's New National Emphasis Program for COVID-19

OSHA's Latest COVID-19 Guidance

OSHA Under the Biden Administration

COVID-19 Updates Impacting Employers

COVID-19 Updates Impacting Workers Compensation and OSHA

COVID-19's Impact on Construction in Illinois

New Illinois Law Impacts Retainage for Contractors

New Law Requires Hospitals to Address Workplace Violence

OSHA Issues Memo on Incentive Programs and Drug Testing

New Bill May Impact Your Retainage

Deadline to Electronically Submit OSHA Data

OSHA Charges Ahead With Electronic Report Rule

OSHA Delays Electronic Report Rule

OSHA Postpones New Construction Silica Standard

OSHA Provides Guidance on New Injury Reporting Requirements

OSHA Update - New Fines, Requirements

OSHA Issues Final Electronic Reporting Rule

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Knock, Knock ... It's OSHA

Speaking Engagements

Taming the Most Aggressive OSHA in History, Updates for 2023 and Tips for Managing an Inspection
Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, April 19, 2023

Eighth Annual Construction Industry Seminar
Event, Amundsen Davis; Virtual Livestream, February 2, 2023

OSHA Updates for 2022 and Tips for Managing an Inspection & HR Related Issues
Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Seminar; Naperville, IL, September 28, 2022

OSHA Updates for 2022 and Tips for Managing an OSHA Inspection
Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, July 13, 2022

Seventh Annual Complimentary Construction Industry Legal Power Seminar
SmithAmundsen; Webcast, January 20, 2022

OSHA's Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Standard
SmithAmundsen; Webcast, November 17, 2021

President Biden's Emergency COVID-19 Standards
Valley Industrial Association, Webcast, March 30, 2021

Gearing up for President Biden's Emergency COVID-19 Workplace Rules
Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, March 23, 2021

The Illinois Construction Industry Legal Power Seminar – Sixth Annual
A Live Streamed Seminar
SmithAmundsen; Webcast, January 21, 2021

Workers' Compensation and Safety Conference
Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, November 4, 2020

Blog Posts

U.S. Department of Labor Announces Changes to OSHA'S Severe Violator Enforcement Program
Labor & Employment Law Update, December 15, 2022

U.S. Department of Labor Rolls Out Local Emphasis Program For Food Processing Facilities
Labor & Employment Law Update, December 12, 2022

OSHA's Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Standard Blocked
Labor & Employment Law Update, January 13, 2022

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OSHA Suspends Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Standard
Labor & Employment Law Update, November 18, 2021

Budget Bill Increases OSHA Fines Five-Fold
Labor & Employment Law Update, September 30, 2021

OSHA Issues its Emergency COVID-19 Standard
Labor & Employment Law Update, June 10, 2021

OSHA's Latest COVID-19 Guidance
Labor & Employment Law Update, February 10, 2021

COVID-19 Illinois Workers' Compensation Amendment
Labor & Employment Law Update, May 26, 2020

OSHA Revises COVID-19 Guidance....Again
Labor & Employment Law Update, May 22, 2020

OSHA's NEW Enforcement Plan re: COVID-19
Labor & Employment Law Update, April 14, 2020

OSHA & COVID-19
Labor & Employment Law Update, March 24, 2020

OSHA Issues Memo on Incentive Programs and Drug Testing
Labor & Employment Law Update, October 16, 2018

UPDATED 11/22/2017: Deadline to Electronically Submit OSHA Data
Labor & Employment Law Update, November 21, 2017

OSHA Charges Ahead With Electronic Report Rule
Labor & Employment Law Update, August 2, 2017

OSHA Delays Electronic Report Rule
Labor & Employment Law Update, June 27, 2017

OSHA – Now Doing Editorials
Labor & Employment Law Update, August 6, 2015

OSHA Inspection Guide: In Preparation for Increased OSHA Enforcement in 2015
Labor & Employment Law Update, December 16, 2014

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