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Over his more than 20 years of practicing law, Matthew has generated an impressive list of victories for both plaintiffs and defendants in intellectual property and complex commercial cases.

On the plaintiff's side, Matthew's wins as lead trial counsel include a $49M judgment in a contractual trade secret dispute that was one of the twenty largest jury verdicts in the country in 2018, as well as multi-million-dollar verdicts or settlements in copyright, construction, breach of contract, oil & gas, and property damage disputes. Matthew also secured the entry of a rare permanent injunction following a successful jury trial in a patent infringement case.

On the defense side, Matthew led trial teams that secured take-nothing judgments protecting our clients from hundreds of millions of dollars in claims, including wins in a $65M patent infringement case, a $44 million breach of contract case, a $35M securities fraud case, and a $10M breach of fiduciary duty case.

Matthew has built a reputation for knowing how to simplify issues in complicated or emotionally charged cases. When clients hire Matthew, they are met with a unique combination of client service, courtroom accomplishment and technical proficiency, resulting in a high degree of trust and loyalty. As a result, he has been recognized in *Chambers USA* (2025-2026), *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2022-2027), *Lawdragon 500* (2026), *Texas Super Lawyers* (2021-2026), and *The Legal 500* (2018-2023), among numerous other publications.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- ### Intellectual Property Cases

Matthew has served as lead counsel in multiple cases involving claims of patent infringement, copyright infringement, misuse of trade secrets or other confidential information, or violation of IP licensing agreements. While the details of many cases remain confidential, some examples of his prior experience include:

- **Won a $49.2 million judgment following a four-week jury trial in an intellectual property dispute** *(SandBox Logistics vs. Arrows Up*) As lead trial counsel for SandBox, Matthew coordinated the legal strategy that resulted in a unanimous jury finding that Arrows Up and its CEO breached their contractual obligations and committed fraud by using information provided by SandBox under a non-disclosure agreement to design and market copycat products. In addition to monetary damages, the judgment awards SandBox title to and possession of the frac sand shipping containers that Arrows derived from SandBox's design. The case later settled for a confidential amount on appeal. A copy of the judgement can be found here.
- **Won entry of a permanent injunction following a jury trial in a patent infringement case** *(U.S. Silica v. Amberger Kaolinwerke*) As lead trial counsel for U.S. Silica, Matthew led a team of lawyers from Beck Redden and the Webb Firm who obtained a permanent injunction from the Eastern District of Texas that

PRACTICES

Intellectual Property Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Bankruptcy Adversary Proceedings

Employment & Executive Employment Litigation

Energy Litigation

Products Liability Litigation

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Federal Circuits

United States District Courts for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

EDUCATION

J.D., Harvard Law School, *magna cum laude,* 2002

B.A., The University of Texas at Austin, *summa cum laude,* Plan II Honors Program / History, 1997

bars the defendant's sale of an infringing product until the expiration of our client's patents for a cool roofing system. The injunction followed a trial in which the jury (i) found that the defendant had willfully infringed three of U.S. Silica's patents and (ii) rejected the defendant's multi-million-dollar counterclaim for tortious interference with prospective business.

- **Won a $1.7 million judgment following a jury trial in a copyright infringement case** (*Collier v. Cash et al*) As lead trial counsel for nationally recognized photographer Sinden Collier, Matthew led a team of lawyers from Beck Redden and Quisenberry Law who obtained a judgment of more than $1.7 million based on the defendants' infringement of 18 copyrighted photographs. The case is currently on appeal.
- **Secured summary judgment dismissing a $65 million patent infringement lawsuit brought against an oilfield services provider** (*Arrows Up v. SandBox Logistics*) Matthew served as lead counsel for a team of lawyers from Beck Redden and Kirkland & Ellis who obtained a summary judgment finding our client had not infringed multiple patents. Prior to the summary judgment, the plaintiff had asserted more than $65 million in damages.
- **Obtained a favorable settlement for a chemicals company sued for $300 million for alleged misappropriation of trade secrets** (*Chevron Phillips Chemical Company v. INEOS Group*). As Beck Redden's managing attorney for this global dispute involving the polyethylene industry, Matthew coordinated fact investigations across the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Italy and China. After deposing the key scientists, Matthew and Joe Redden presented our client INEOS's case in an 8-day temporary injunction hearing, in which the trial court found that all but one of the plaintiff's asserted trade secrets were in the public domain (and our client did not use the remaining alleged trade secret in its manufacturing process). The case settled on favorable terms after the hearing.
- **Obtained a favorable result for a national tubular goods manufacturer sued for $53 million for allegedly breaching an intellectual property agreement** (*Torquelock v. U.S. Steel Tubular Products*). As Beck Redden's managing attorney for this case involving deepwater drilling technology, Matthew developed a defense focused on simplifying complex engineering issues. The lawsuit culminated in a three-week bench trial, during which Matthew successfully excluded two of the plaintiff's three expert witnesses. The case settled on favorable terms following the close of evidence and before the trial court entered a verdict.
- **Recovered damages for employees accused of stealing trade secrets from their former employer** (*Rx.com v. Hruska*). Based on admissions he secured in the deposition of the plaintiff's CEO, Matthew obtained a summary judgment that vindicated our clients of charges they had stolen trade secrets from their former employer. The court also ordered the plaintiff to pay our clients' costs and attorney's fees. Please see the opinion here.
- **Obtained a favorable settlement for an international chemicals company involved in a confidential arbitration over the meaning of a license agreement.** Along with David Beck, Matthew represented our client in a confidential arbitration that focused on the interpretation of a 50-year-old license agreement between two global chemicals companies. The parties were able to resolve their differences following an advisory opinion from the arbitrator.
- **Won a jury verdict for an automotive parts manufacturer accused of recruiting a competitor's employees to disclose confidential information.** (*L-3 Communications Corp. v. Autoliv ASP, Inc.*). Along with Joe Redden and Jeff Golub, Matthew won a full defense verdict for our client Autoliv following a two-week jury trial.

Commercial Cases

Matthew has successfully handled commercial cases across the country, including cases in California, Nevada and Utah. Examples of his prior cases include the following:

- **Won a $2.15 million judgment for an online furniture company following a jury trial against a warehouse company** (*Edloe Finch, LLC v. UNIS, LLC*) – Matthew led a Beck Redden team that secured a judgment in favor of furniture company Edloe Finch after a seven-day trial. Not only did the jury rule in Edloe Finch's favor on every issue, but also the trial court granted directed verdict on counterclaims for which the defendant was seeking more than $2 million in damages. This was one of the 100 largest verdicts in Texas in 2025, according to Top Verdict. The case is currently on appeal.
- **Secured a summary judgment dismissing a $44 million lawsuit for breach of contract and tortious interference** (*GESS RNG Biogas v. CEI*) – Matthew served as lead counsel for a Beck Redden team that won a summary judgment dismissing claims against a biogas digester broker for more than $44 million in damages. In addition to alleging breach of contract, the plaintiff falsely asserted that our client had used confidential information to divert potential customers from the plaintiff's business.
- **Won a jury verdict and recovered attorney's fees for a general contractor wrongfully accused of negligently supervising a construction site** (*EAS Development v. Rent-A-Tire*) – Matthew led a Beck Redden team that won a jury verdict in favor of general contractor EAS after a six-day trial. After the verdict, the defendant agreed to settle the case by paying both (i) the damages awarded by the jury to EAS and (ii) more than $400,000 of EAS's attorney's fees and litigation expenses.
- **Won dismissal of a lawsuit by homeowners seeking to prevent the construction of a high-rise in their neighborhood** *(Loughhead v. 1717 Bisonnett PropCo*). This high-profile lawsuit was the latest installment in more than 10 years of contentious litigation regarding the construction of a high-rise building in a residential Houston neighborhood. On behalf of the property owner, Matthew successfully argued the case before the trial court, which held that the plaintiffs lacked standing to challenge the building of a high-rise that had been permitted by the City of Houston. The trial court likewise rejected the plaintiffs' claim that the building constituted a nuisance.
- **Won summary judgment for a Canadian telecommunications company wrongfully sued for $35 million for allegedly defrauding investors** *(Smith v. BCE*). Following depositions of key witnesses, Matthew briefed and successfully argued the case before the trial court, which granted summary judgment. Matthew likewise briefed and argued the case before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which affirmed the judgment. Both courts found that the plaintiff's claims were barred under federal securities laws. Please see the opinion here.
- **Secured an injunction protecting a video game and a entertainment company's right to occupy its corporate headquarters** (*Gearbox v. Frisco Square Developers*). After a building owner threatened to terminate our client's commercial lease without cause, Matthew obtained a temporary injunction that preserved our client's right to occupy its headquarters. The case settled on confidential terms shortly after the temporary injunction hearing. Read the story here.
- **Obtained summary judgment for the president of an oil and gas company wrongfully sued for $10 million for allegedly defrauding his business partner** (*Knowles v. Wright*). Based in large part on admissions he secured in his deposition of the plaintiff, Matthew won a summary judgment dismissing the plaintiff's claims. Matthew also argued the case before the First District Court of Appeals in Houston, which affirmed the judgment. Please see

the opinion here.

- **Won a full defense judgment following a jury trial for a homebuilder wrongfully accused of making false statements to consumers** (*Lauret v. Meritage Homes*). Along with David Jones, Matthew won a final judgment in our client's favor following a one-week jury trial in Austin. The case settled on confidential terms following a remand for additional fact-finding by the trial court.
- **Won summary judgment for an attorney wrongfully accused of negligently investigating complaints about the conduct of one of his client's owners** (*Amin v. Wood*). In this case involving a medical partnership, an ex-partner who had been forced out of the company by his former partners sued the company's attorney for the manner in which he investigated allegations regarding the ex-partner's conduct. Matthew not only obtained a summary judgment in the attorney's favor in the trial court, but also briefed and argued the case before the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston, which affirmed the judgment. Please see the opinion here.
- **Retained less than a month before trial to represent an automobile manufacturer in a multi-million-dollar contract dispute** (*BSAG v. Nissan*). Along with Joe Redden, Matthew quickly learned the facts of a complex commercial case involving the sale of a dealership in order to step in as trial counsel less than 30 days before trial. Following the first phase of a bifurcated jury trial, the case settled on confidential terms.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Recognized in *Chambers USA* in Litigation: General Commercial (Texas), 2024-2026
- Recognized in Lawdragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers, 2025-2026
- Recognized in Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Litigators, 2025-2026
- Recognized in Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America, Litigation inc. IP, 2025-2026
- Recognized in Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, 2024-2026
- Recognized in Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America, IP Litigation, 2022 & 2024-2026
- Named in Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers* – Intellectual Property Litigation, 2021-2026; Business Litigation, 2025-2026; Civil Litigation, 2025-2026
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation (2022-2027), Litigation – Intellectual Property (2022-2027), and Litigation – Patent (2025-2027)
- Recognized in *The Legal 500 United States* as a Next Generation Lawyer, Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas, 2018-2023
- Lead trial counsel in an intellectual property case named as one of 2018's Top 20 Commercial Litigation Verdicts in the United States
- National Champion in Trial Advocacy, Association of Trial Lawyers of America's Mock Trial Competition, 2002
- Five-Time National Champion and Eleven-Time Finalist in Public Speaking Events, American Forensic Association's Individual Events Tournament, 1994-1997
- National Champion in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, National Forensic League's Debate Tournament, 1993

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- *Intellectual Asset Management*: "Why Patent Trial Strategy Begins Before Trial" – Matthew P. Whitley, August 2026
- *Law360:* "Don't Forget NDA Clauses Can Cover More Than Trade Secrets" – Matthew P. Whitley and Parth Gejji, December 2020
- *Law360*: "In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms and Stories on Law360 – Top 10 Most Read Expert Analyses at #2": *3 Tips To Avoid Being On The Outs With In-House Counsel*– Matthew P. Whitley, December 2016
- *Law360*: *"3 Tips To Avoid Being On The Outs With In-House Counsel"* – Matthew P. Whitley, December 2016
- *"Tips for Young Lawyers Preparing for Their First Expert Deposition,"* ABA's Section of Litigation Sound Advice, May 2016
- 33rd Texas Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy, Faculty Member, April 2016
- *Law360: "So You Think You Want to Arbitrate? Think Again, Maybe"* – Matthew P. Whitley and Alyssa B. McDaniel, June 2015
- *"Adverse Expert Depositions: Achieving Success by Keeping It Simple,"* Texas Young Lawyers Association eNews, October 2014
- *"The Voice of the Company: Strategies for Company Representative Depositions*," TADC Summer Conference, July 2014
- *Law360: "Expert Deposition Tips for Young Lawyers,"* November 2013

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Texas Friars
- The University of Texas Ex-Students Association
- Harvard Alumni Association
- Harvard University Club of Houston
- Texas Bar Foundation











