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OVERVIEW:

Matthew is an aggressive advocate who helps businesses, institutions and individuals effectively use the court system to achieve their strategic objectives and meet the challenges posed by complex litigation, and he is the chair of the Litigation Practice Group. In addition to helping his clients navigate and succeed in litigation, Matthew also helps clients proactively identify and manage litigation risk. With his energetic and proactive approach to litigation issues, Matthew is able to obtain positive results for clients even in challenging circumstances.

He assists clients with litigation matters in three main areas:

Commercial Litigation

Matthew has experience representing clients in complex commercial disputes concerning financial services and lending liability, business ownership and shareholder issues, contract disputes and collection matters.

Intellectual Property Litigation

Matthew acts as a strong advocate for clients in intellectual property disputes and has obtained favorable results in litigation concerning trademarks, copyrights and internet domain names.

Construction Litigation

Matthew counsels and represents construction industry clients including owners, contractors, subcontractors and design professionals.

Matthew earned his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law, *cum laude*, where he was an Associate Editor of the *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review*.

EDUCATION:

- University of Miami School of Law, J.D., cum laude
- Widener University, B.A., magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Litigation
- Cybersecurity
- Crisis Management
- Intellectual Property
- Land Use
- Real Estate Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Finance & Creditors' Rights

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Senior Living
- Construction

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Long's Park Amphitheater Music Committee
Former board member

Lancaster YMCA Endowment Committee
Former board member

Long's Park Amphitheater Foundation
Former board member

Lancaster YMCA Facilities Committee
Former member

Lancaster YMCA Foundation
Former board member

SouthEast Lancaster Health Services
Former Quality Assurance Committee

Friends of the Lancaster Public Library
Former board member

RECOGNITION:

- The Best Lawyers in America, Litigation Land Use and Zoning (2024, 2026), Litigation Real Estate (2024, 2026, 2027)
- Pennsylvania Rising Stars (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023)

PRESENTATION:

- Navigating Realty Transfer Tax in Business Transactions: Key Takeaways from Kunj Harrisburg LLC, et al. v. PA, Lancaster Bar Association (May 2025)
- "Bankruptcy Update", Barley Snyder LendiCon Seminar (March 2015)

RELATED NEWS:

- Three Barley Snyder Partners Named to Legal 500 Philadelphia Elite Rankings List
  July 3, 2025
- Barley Snyder Secures Landmark Victory in Realty Transfer Tax Case: Commonwealth Court Rules Property Division Under Entity Transactions Law Not Subject to Tax
  January 14, 2025

- The Ever-changing Regulatory Landscape and Potential Impacts of PFAS on Businesses
  April 11, 2024
- Fourteen Barley Snyder Attorneys Named 2023 Super Lawyers
  May 22, 2023
- Barley Snyder Announces 2021 Leadership Changes
  January 12, 2021
- Lack of Clear Guidance Fuels Web Accessibility Lawsuits
  January 31, 2020
- Barley Snyder Pa. Supreme Court Win Protects Family Farmers
  September 26, 2019
- Barley Snyder Sees 11 Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers Lists
  May 9, 2019
- Nine Barley Snyder Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers Lists
  May 18, 2018
- Barley Snyder Elevates Matthew Hennesy to Partner
  January 4, 2018
- Seven Barley Snyder Attorneys Garner Super Lawyers Distinction
  May 16, 2017
- Barley Snyder's Matthew Hennesy Completes Leadership Training Program
  June 6, 2016
- Longs Park Amphitheater Foundation Names Attorney Matthew Hennesy to its Board of Directors
  April 23, 2015