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Communities and businesses turn to Matt when they need a Board Certified expert in City, County, and Local Government Law. From community planning and zoning applications, permitting and exaction controversies to preemption questions and separation-of-power disputes, Matt's deep, technical knowledge gives his clients an advantage when navigating the complex legal landscape of Florida's cities, counties, and special districts.

When advocating for his clients, Matt works tirelessly to ensure their stories and positions are set before the tribunal in a logical, compelling, and accessible manner. This knack for uncomplicating legal concepts is the result of meticulous research, intense preparation, and a genuine passion for understanding the subject material.

Matt's passion for demystifying complicated legal frameworks has led to his frequent appearance on local media outlets to explain new developments in the law in a clear and engaging manner.

When Matt is not lawyering, he enjoys spending time with his wife and many pets in Dover.

SERVICE LINE

Government Law & Policy
Real Estate, Construction & Development

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Public Sector
Real Estate, Construction & Development

PRIMARY LOCATION

Tampa, FL
Dade City, FL

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Florida

Illinois

United States District Court, Northern District, Florida

United States District Court, Middle District, Florida

United States District Court, Southern District, Florida

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Plant City Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 2026
- Leadership Tampa Alumni, Class of 2024
- Community Tampa Bay (Past Chair)
- Stageworks Theatre
- Kiwanis Club, Midtown Tampa
- Columnist, *La Gaceta* (The Reasonable Standard)
- Hillsborough County Bar Association

HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2026
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2021–2025
- Florida Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2022-2025
- 2025 *Florida Trend* magazine, Legal Elite NOTABLE: Real Estate/Land Use

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