

# Matthew Wagoner

Partner

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Matthew Wagoner is a seasoned litigator and advisor to the business community. He represents individuals and entities in complex commercial disputes and as a strategic business advisor.

A highly versatile lawyer, Matt's work spans corporate governance and transactions, employment, real estate, environmental and intellectual property matters. His clients come from diverse industries, such as construction, energy, financial services, hospitality, real estate and technology sectors. Across all of his work, Matt applies a powerful combination of proven legal skill and an entrepreneurial spirit to develop and execute highly customized solutions delivered through a business savvy style. Matt is known for providing highly capable guidance across all stages of a company's lifecycle. And he provides forceful advocacy and creative tactics to achieve his clients' goals.

Before joining Farrell Fritz, Matt founded and led an award-winning boutique business law firm in Albany, New York providing innovative legal solutions through an entrepreneurial approach. Matt also practiced in a boutique energy law firm, representing large, national and regional clients with a variety of business and litigation matters including highly complex, precedent setting commercial disputes, corporate governance matters and regulatory compliance. Matt began his legal career in New York City, serving as the Principal Law Clerk to a Supreme Court Justice in one of the busiest and most diverse jurisdictions in the world.

## Experience

Litigation Counsel

### PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation

Corporate

Cannabis

Real Estate

### EDUCATION

Albany Law School, J.D.

Old Dominion University, B.A.

### AFFILIATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Entrepreneurs' Organization Albany, Board of Directors, President Elect and Membership Chair

### ADMISSIONS

#### Bar Admissions

- New York  
**Court Admissions**
  - United States District Court, Northern District of New York
  - United States District Court, Southern District of New York
  - United States District Court, Western District of New York

- Represented publicly traded company through trial and appeal in breach of contract claims in a leveraged management buyout context with exposure of \$10 Million.
- Represented co-founder of financial fund in breach of contract and quantum meruit claim through trial of over millions in damages.
- Represented founder of closely held Delaware corporation in breach of fiduciary duty litigation arising out of F-Reorganization.
- Represented international consulting firm in litigation with former vendor for theft of trade secrets, corporate opportunities and other torts with claims to pierce the corporate veil.
- Represented investors in securities fraud claims in federal courts against a Silicon Valley based, Delaware corporation.
- Represented business owner of thriving sales and consulting company in business divorce case resulting in successful buyout.
- Represented client in the data center and crypto currency space in litigation against former officers and directors of the company for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and breach of contract among other claims.
- Represented Upstate New York Marina with respect to an investigation by the New York State Attorney General and successfully quashed the underlying subpoena.

**Business Counsel**

- Represent two NYC-based hedge funds as outside general counsel.
- Represent Silicon Valley fintech company as outside general counsel in all aspects of its business operations including corporate governance, contracts, HR disputes, and complex customer contracts with Fortune 100 companies.
- Represent real estate developers with millions of square feet developed that acquire, finance, entitle, develop, lease and sell industrial, commercial and residential real estate throughout the Capital Region and beyond.
- Represented major e-commerce business in divestment of a top producing business line to a strategic acquirer.
- Represented owner of 15 regional approved wireless retail stores in a multimillion-dollar sale of those stores to a nationwide entity.
- Represented seller of Capital Region-based HVAC Company in asset sale with corresponding consulting agreement.
- Represented buyer of pool installation and service business in asset purchase.

- Represent many business owners before the New York State Liquor Authority and Office of Cannabis Management.

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## Recognition

- Super Lawyers, Business Litigation, 2020-2024
- 40 Under 40, Albany Business Review, 2019
- Super Lawyers, Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2016-2019