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## Matthew D. Donovan

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Matthew D. Donovan is a commercial litigation attorney who assists clients in the resolution of complex business disputes in a variety of contexts, including the ownership and management of closely-held businesses, commercial real estate, construction, and healthcare. Matt handles cases through all phases of litigation and arbitration, including corporate dissolution and shareholder appraisal proceedings. He is a frequent contributor to Farrell Fritz's [New York Commercial Division Practice](#) blog and the author of a number of articles on the topic of business divorce.

Mr. Donovan also has served as counsel to federal equity receivers appointed by the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") in consumer fraud receiverships. In this capacity, Mr. Donovan participates in all phases of the compliance and/or regulatory enforcement activities, advising the receiver on his powers, duties, and rights as such, as well as on any local or federal laws affecting the receivership. He works closely with forensic accountants, and other financial, forensic IT, and business professionals to ensure that assets are preserved and the status quo is maintained, and regularly reports the receiver's progress and activities to agency officials and the courts appointing him.

Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Mr. Donovan was an associate at another prominent New York law firm, where he managed all phases of pre-trial litigation for matters related to employee benefits and securities in the state and federal courts of New York and Connecticut. Mr.

Donovan also served as litigation counsel to a publishing company, where he handled matters related to advertising, employment, and trademarks in connection with a weekly news publication.

Following law school, Mr. Donovan served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Gordon Shumaker, Terri Stoneburner, and Bruce D. Willis of the Minnesota Court of Appeals in St. Paul, MN.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Donovan was a teacher at Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury, MA.

In 2014 -2016, Mr. Donovan was selected for the *Super Lawyers New York Metro Rising Stars* list for Business Litigation.

Mr. Donovan serves on the Benefit Committee of the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University Medical Center. He also serves on the Annual Giving Committee for the University of St. Thomas School of Law Alumni Advisory Board and is a member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of New York. He is a member of the Westchester Celiac Sprue Support Group.



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Mr. Donovan earned his Juris Doctor degree in 2004 from the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, MN, where he was an articles editor of the Law Journal and a member of the Board of Advocates. He received a Master of Arts in theology from Boston College in 1998, where he was a recipient of a fellowship for the study of politics and religion, and a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and political science from Marquette University in 1996.

Mr. Donovan is admitted in New York; Connecticut; the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York; the District of Connecticut; and the Supreme Court of the United States. He is on the Corporate & Commercial Law Committee for the Westchester County Bar Association. He is also a part of the Commercial & Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Mr. Donovan has an AV Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating.