



# Matthew D. Monsour

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Matthew is an experienced litigator who handles high-stakes, complex commercial disputes at both the trial and appellate level for some of the country's top corporations. He focuses on the technology, transportation and financial services sectors, representing and advising leading technology platforms in litigation and compliance matters nationwide.

Matthew has tried cases in federal and state court and has briefed and/or argued appeals in the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the 3rd, 6th and 11th Circuits, as well as in state appellate courts throughout the country. His work has resulted in the courts striking down laws under the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses of the U.S. Constitution, and upholding companies' unique business models against tort and statutory-based claims.

Leveraging that background, Matthew focuses on helping companies efficiently and effectively defend against recurring and business-sensitive litigation across jurisdictions. He has served as national coordinating counsel for *Fortune* 50 corporations and gig economy companies. Through these representations, Matthew has developed strategic knowledge of how to protect clients' independent contractor designations and enforce online terms and conditions, including through motions to compel arbitration.

## Services

- Litigation
- National Coordinating Counsel

## Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Matthew was a partner in the Pittsburgh office of an international law firm. Before that, he worked at a large New York-based law firm, studied at the Imperial College in London and clerked for the Hon. Kate Ford Elliot, President Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

## Beyond Fox Rothschild

Matthew has a strong commitment to pro bono, civic, and philanthropic endeavors. He focuses those efforts on animal welfare, regularly representing animal rescues and sanctuaries in Pennsylvania and beyond. He has taken action both to ensure the viability of non-profit rescues and to defend rescues from unlawful regulations that threaten their ability to operate. He has served as special prosecutor on behalf of Animal Friends, a Pittsburgh-based group that works to create a "humane and compassionate future for every animal friend" and has advised humane enforcement officers in all aspects related to the search, seizure, and protection of abused and neglected animals. He regularly negotiates with local governments to ensure

the humane treatment of recovered animals and feral cat colonies. He is Vice President of the Board of Animal Friends and Co-Chair of its Legal Committee.

## Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania

## Education

- Duquesne University School of Law (J.D., 2008)
  - Executive Articles Editor, Duquesne Law Review
- University of Pittsburgh (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2005)

## Board of Directors

- Animal Friends
  - Vice President; Chair, Corporate and Foundations Committee
  - Member, Presidential Advisory Committee
- Pressley Ridge Associate Board (Past)
  - Secretary
- The Door Campaign

## Honors & Awards

- Selected to the "Client Service All-Stars" list by BTI Consulting Group (2025)
- Named a "Lawyer on the Fast Track" by *The Legal Intelligencer* (2022)
- Named to a list of "Pennsylvania Rising Stars" for Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters (2014-2018)
- Selected to the "Best Lawyers in America" list for Commercial Litigation (2023) and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2023-2026) in Pittsburgh, PA by *Best Lawyers*

## Representative Matters

- Served as National Coordinating Counsel for technology platform, leading litigation on issues of first impression across the country involving status of platform users and enforcement of online terms and conditions, including compelling arbitration.
- Served as National Coordinating Counsel for *Fortune* 50 transportation company defending against tort-based claims attacking independent contractor business model.
- Represent banking institutions in complex statutory and fraud cases in federal district court and appellate courts throughout the country.
- First-chaired and won six-day federal trial that invalidated law under the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution and resulted in a six-figure damages award and a six-figure attorneys' fees' recovery for client.
- Argued and briefed constitutional issue of first impression in the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals resulting in a split decision on the issue.
- Defended pharmaceutical company in dispute over the right to sell and market drug under the Lanham Act, securing dismissal in federal court.
- Defended international client in a contract dispute with former employee for interest in a multimillion-dollar business, securing dismissal in federal court. Ruling was unanimously affirmed by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in published opinion.
- Argued, briefed, and won judgment invalidating significant criminal fine levied against client as violative of the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution
- Argued, briefed and won takings claim on behalf of corporate client under the U.S. Constitution

- Represented of financial institution related to high-profile data security breach
- Argued, briefed and won novel zoning case involving nonprofit large breed dog rescue on appeal in published opinion from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in matter that garnered wide-spread publicity, including articles in the *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, and the front page of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.
- First-chaired and won judgment in favor of nonprofit in first case proceeding under new recovery statute in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.