

## Matthew Macdonald

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### FOCUS AREAS

Class Action Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Litigation  
Securities Litigation

### EXPERIENCE

Matthew Macdonald is a litigation partner in the Los Angeles office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. His practice focuses on high-stakes, complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts across the country, with an emphasis on securities litigation and the financial sector.

Prior to joining the firm, Matt was a litigation partner at Munger Tolles & Olson LLP in Los Angeles. He joined Munger Tolles in 2009 and became a partner in 2017.

Following law school, Matthew served as a law clerk for Judge Carlos T. Bea of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Justice Nathan L. Hecht of the Texas Supreme Court.

### CREDENTIALS

#### Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 2007  
*Cum Laude*
- M.A., International Relations, Lancaster University, United Kingdom, 2004  
*With Distinction*
- B.A., History and Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2002  
*With High Distinction*

#### Admissions

- State Bar of California

### MATTERS

#### Select Representations

- Successfully defended a consortium of term lenders against \$600 million clawback claims asserted by the GM bankruptcy estate; the representation resulted in a settlement under which Matt's clients paid nothing and recovered a significant portion of their attorney fees\*
- Successfully obtained the dismissal of \$77 million breach of contract claims asserted against the J. Paul Getty Trust arising out of a proposed art acquisition\*
- Successfully resolved billion-dollar breach of contract claims against Bank of America arising out of Bank of America's role as administrative agent for a credit facility that financed the construction of the Fontainebleau Las Vegas hotel and casino\*
- Successfully resolved nationwide class action claims against a major financial institution arising out of their role as indenture trustee for debt issued by a medical factoring company\*
- Successfully resolved a nationwide securities class action against MGM Resorts International related to the construction of the Las Vegas CityCenter development\*
- Represented the Los Angeles Clippers in litigation over the construction of a new basketball arena in Inglewood\*

- Obtained a complete defense verdict in a \$100 million breach of contract lawsuit against a biotechnology company\*
- Successfully resolved litigation against the J. Paul Getty Trust related to ownership of eight illuminated pages from a medieval gospel manuscript\*
- Represented the Imperial Irrigation District in litigation and administrative proceedings related to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, a landmark agreement for the transfer of Colorado River water\*

*\* Denotes experience at another firm prior to joining Wilson Sonsini in 2021.*