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FOCUS AREAS

Class Action Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Litigation

Securities Litigation

Strategic Risk and Crisis Management

Trial

EXPERIENCE

Matthew Macdonald focuses on high-stakes litigation in federal and state courts across the country, with experience defending clients in cutting-edge disputes in technology, life sciences, intellectual property, and other areas.

Prior to joining the firm in 2021, 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, Matt 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

- Obtained a complete plaintiff-side verdict for VB Assets in a multi-patent case against Amazon and its Alexa/Echo virtual assistant and voice commerce platform. After a one-week trial, the jury found that Amazon willfully infringed all four asserted VB Assets patents and awarded $46.7 million in damages. Law.com named the case among its "Top 100 Verdicts for 2023."
- Obtained a complete defense verdict for Aadi Bioscience in a $340 million ICC arbitration arising out of claims that Aadi breached its duties under a drug development and licensing agreement. In September 2024, the panel issued a 60-page ruling finding that Aadi had not breached the contract.
- Defending OpenAI in a first-of-its-kind litigation in which the plaintiff alleges that he was defamed by output from ChatGPT.
- Defending global retailer in putative nationwide class action litigation pending in federal court regarding allegations that "was/now" pricing misleads consumers.
- Secured a victory at trial for the owners of Santa Anita Race Track in litigation arising out of the 2019 horse racing fatality crisis.

- 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.