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Main Bio

Matt Fischer practices in general commercial litigation with emphases in securities, real estate, contract, intellectual property, and international litigation. His litigation experience includes state and federal civil trial courts, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) arbitration, and handling regulatory inquiries, investigations and actions.

Matt serves on Snell & Wilmer's Hiring Committee, and served as the Chairperson from 2008 to 2012.

Education

- University of Arizona (J.D., summa cum laude, 1999)
 - Business Editor, Arizona Law Review
 - Order of the Coif
- University of Notre Dame (B.A., Economics/Computer Applications, cum laude, 1995)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
 - Section of Litigation, Member of Leadership
 - Securities Litigation Committee
 - Real Estate Litigation Committee
 - Commercial & Business Litigation Committee
 - Judicial Intern Opportunity Program Working Group
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Trial Practice Section
 - Securities Section
 - Business Law Section
- Maricopa County Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
- Federal Bar Association
- Federal District Court of Arizona Local Rules Committee
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel

- American Escrow Association
- Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)
 - Compliance & Legal Division

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "FINRA Arbitration: Developments in Discovery," Network of Trial Law Firms, FINRA CLE Supercourse
- "Customer Disputes – The Road Less Traveled," Network of Trial Law Firms, FINRA CLE Supercourse
- "Ethics: Multijurisdictional Practice and FINRA Arbitration," Network of Trial Law Firms, FINRA CLE Supercourse
- "Title and Escrow Disputes," Maricopa County Bar Association, Real Estate Litigation Series
- "Escrow Litigation Update," Arizona State Escrow Association Annual Conference
- "The Practice of Real Estate Law," ASU Corporate and Business Law Society
- "Statutory Caveat Emptor Survives ... or Does It?" Snell & Wilmer Real Estate Litigation Blog
- "Making Litigation Manageable," Association of Corporate Counsel/Lex Mundi
- "Motion Practice," Snell & Wilmer Litigation Boot Camp
- "Preparing Witnesses and Defending Depositions," Snell & Wilmer

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2017-2023); Banking and Finance Law (2021-2023); Securities Litigation (2023)
- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation (2014-2022)
 - Rising Stars Edition (2013)
- Volunteer Lawyers Program, Collaboration for Children Award (Intel/Snell & Wilmer) (2008)
- Snell & Wilmer Top Pro Bono Attorney (2007)
- Top Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education (2006)
- Volunteer Lawyers Program, Guardianship Attorney of the Year (2005)

Community Involvement

- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education
 - Board of Directors, President
 - Designated Technology Counsel
- Volunteer Lawyers Program
 - Manager of Complex and Joint Programs
- Judicial Intern Opportunity Program
- Notre Dame Club of Phoenix
- ASEDS Tiger Dads
- Youth Sports Coach – Football, Basketball, Baseball

Previous Professional Experience

- United States Department of Justice, Bankruptcy Division, Puerto Rico, Intern
- Phoenix Municipal Court, Volunteer Legal Staff Assistant

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Arizona