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EDUCATION

Stanford Law School, J.D., *top ten percent*, 1998

Columbia University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1993

OVERVIEW

An accomplished and respected trial lawyer, Mr. Matz specializes in complex civil litigation of all kinds, white collar criminal defense, and governmental and internal investigations of corporations and other entities. Mr. Matz is highly experienced in all phases of litigation. He represents individuals and companies as plaintiffs, defendants, and witnesses in sophisticated, high-stakes matters.

Most recently, Mr. Matz won a complete defense victory in a civil jury trial on behalf of a Fortune 500 corporation. The company's general counsel praised him for being "always in control, giving impeccable guidance throughout, and being prepared for everything thrown our way. I was confident every day in our ability to handle anything, and as an in-house counsel, that is an incredible gift." Other corporate clients commend Mr. Matz for his ability to "handle the matter brilliantly. No matter what was thrown at him, Jeremy understood the issues swiftly, led the way through the land mines of the investigation, and gave us excellent legal and strategic advice. It has been an absolute pleasure working with him -- a more responsive, intelligent and skilled lawyer one could not hope to have by your side."

In criminal cases, clients acclaim Mr. Matz for "keeping me well informed, educating me throughout his time as my counsel, not jumping to conclusions, keeping his trust and faith in me as a client, and never steering me in a direction without meaningful purpose. He made sure I always understood the options and always treated me with the utmost respect. Because of that, I placed complete trust in him. His temperament is even-keeled. I believe he was the difference-maker. At times, I felt like I was in an impossible situation, but Jeremy's persistence paid off for me." Mr. Matz is lauded for being "not only a great and competent attorney, but also a great human being. I could not have asked for a better person to guide me through this difficult time of my life."

Before joining Bird Marella, Mr. Matz served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles for thirteen years. At the United States Attorney's Office, he prosecuted nearly every kind of federal criminal case, including white collar offenses, money laundering, corruption, violent crime, and cybercrime. For more than eleven years, he specialized in prosecuting sophisticated economic crimes, including securities and corporate fraud, mortgage fraud, health care fraud, tax evasion, bank fraud, and investor fraud. As the lead trial and appellate attorney, he won convictions in more than ten jury trials and briefed and argued multiple cases in the Court of Appeals, resulting in favorable published appellate decisions. Mr. Matz garnered praise from fellow prosecutors as "one of the most meticulous attorneys to work in the office", "a first-rate lawyer with excellent judgment", and a "very strategic and very thorough attorney on every case." He served as the Securities Fraud Coordinator, supervised new prosecutors, and won awards from several federal law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Matz also serves as a Lecturer In Law at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, where he teaches evidence to second- and third-year law students. He is acclaimed for his “exceptional knowledge of the rules of evidence” and for “bringing the real world to the classroom.”

Mr. Matz speaks fluent Portuguese and has given presentations on criminal law to judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officials in Brazil and Mozambique.

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Matz maintains a diverse and successful law practice. He resolves many of his clients’ civil and criminal disputes in a confidential and private manner. His noteworthy accomplishments include the following:

June 2019: Mr. Matz won a total defense victory in a four-week, multi-plaintiff, multi-million dollar wrongful termination jury trial on behalf of a Fortune 500 company. After the plaintiffs presented their case-in-chief, the Court entered judgment for the company before the case ever reached the jury for deliberations.

April 2019: In a federal criminal case involving customs fraud and money laundering, Mr. Matz won a sentence of straight probation, no restitution, and no fine for his client.

June 2018: In a Texas state court civil case, Mr. Matz won summary judgment for his client, an executive of a global oil company.

March 2018: In a federal criminal case involving embezzlement from a publicly-traded company, Mr. Matz won a sentence of straight probation and no restitution for his client, the former chief accountant of the company.

January 2018: Mr. Matz convinced a California prosecutors task force not to charge his client, a chief operating officer of a successful internet company.

December 2017: Mr. Matz won a highly favorable settlement for his client, a chief executive officer, after the company breached the client’s employment contract.

September 2017: Mr. Matz negotiated a favorable settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission that enabled his client, an accounting and auditing firm, to remain successfully in business.

September 2016: In a federal criminal case involving gratuities paid to a public official, Mr. Matz won a sentence of straight probation for his client.

July 2016: In a civil case brought by the federal government under the False Claims Act, Mr. Matz won a highly favorable settlement on behalf of his corporate client for less than 4% of the government’s claimed damages.

May 2014: After Mr. Matz delivered his opening statement and cross-examined the first prosecution witness in a California criminal trial against his client, the prosecution abandoned the case.

As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Matz won the convictions of eleven defendants in one of the largest mortgage fraud cases in California history. After a six-week jury trial, the Court of Appeals affirmed the convictions of a real estate agent and

an appraiser on fraud, money laundering, and conspiracy charges. *United States v. Grasso*, 724 F.3d 1077 (9th Cir. 2013); *United States v. Rizk*, 660 F.3d 1125 (9th Cir. 2011).

As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Matz won a conviction of Ralphs Grocery Company, one of the largest grocery chains in the nation, which paid a total of \$70 million in restitution and fines for felonies committed during a labor dispute.

As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Matz won a guilty plea to securities and investor fraud from the founder and CEO of a NASDAQ-listed media company with a \$100 million market capitalization.

As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Matz won a jury trial against a licensed medical doctor in a \$1 million fraudulent Medicare billing scheme.

As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Matz won a four-week jury trial in a sophisticated bank fraud, false identity, and money laundering conspiracy. Two spouses were convicted on all counts in a scheme to defraud banks of millions of dollars and launder the money into high-end luxury homes.

As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Matz won guilty pleas to fraud and money laundering from a defendant who defrauded hundreds of investors out of their life savings in a \$26 million international Ponzi scheme.

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America, Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2016-present

Southern California Super Lawyers, *Los Angeles Magazine*, 2015-2019

Securities Fraud Coordinator, United States Attorney's Office, 2011-2012

Integrity, Commitment, and Outstanding Service Award, Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation, 2010

Dedication and Excellence Award, United States Postal Inspection Service, 2005

Outstanding Service Award, United States Attorney's Office, 2004

Award for Demonstrated Excellence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2002

AFFILIATIONS

Board of Directors, Western Center on Law & Poverty

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Federal Bar Association, Litigation and Criminal Law Sections

PUBLICATIONS

Author, “How Your Client Can Get An Evidentiary ‘Pass’ For His Alleged Prior Misconduct,” *The Federal Lawyer*, April 2014

EVENTS

Panelist, Securities & Exchange Commission’s Joint Regulatory Conference, 2014

Guest Speaker, KPCC-FM, “Take Two”, March 20, 2014, “Report: California Top Target For U.S. Cybercrime”, 2014

Panelist, International Discovery and Evidence in Federal Court, Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2014

Panelist, Issues Facing Receivers and Trustees in Medical Marijuana Dispensary Cases, sponsored by the California Receivers Forum, 2013

Panelist, Ethical Issues in Corporate Fraud Cases, ABA National Institute on White Collar Crime, 2006

FORMER POSITIONS

Assistant United States Attorney, Major Frauds Section, Los Angeles

Law Clerk, Honorable George H. King of the U.S. District Court, Los Angeles

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States, 2013

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1999

United States District Court for the Central District of California, 1998

California, 1998