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Matthew Jasilli represents sophisticated clients in complex commercial litigation and arbitration across a range of industries. He has experience at both the trial and appellate levels with matters involving class action, antitrust, intellectual property, and contract claims, among other complex issues. Prior to joining WTO, Matt worked for two prominent law firms, clerked in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and interned in the Southern District of New York.

EDUCATION

Columbia School of Law, J.D., 2010, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, Executive Editor

Trinity College, B.A., Philosophy, 2005

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Michael M. Baylson, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Intern to The Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Williams & Connolly, Associate
Sullivan & Cromwell, Associate
Kaye Scholer, Litigation Support Analyst

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
New York

HIGHLIGHTS

- Represented a foreign bank and its directors in protracted and contentious litigation in Florida state court, including RICO claims.
- Represented an international project development company in disputes involving two construction projects in Africa.
- Representing two tire manufacturers against claims brought by more than 100 plaintiffs alleging groundwater contamination in Oklahoma.
- Successfully represented an oil and gas pioneer and his new companies in litigation involving allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract.
- Managed large-scale discovery teams of up to 100 attorneys and staff.
- Represented a fortune 500 company in bankruptcy proceedings in the Southern District of New York and won a motion opposing appointment of an official committee of equity security holders.
- Served on a pro bono trial team for a police excessive force claim in the Southern District of New York.

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products & Services
- Construction & Engineering
- Financial Services

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability
- Class Actions
- Intellectual Property
- Employment
- Antitrust & Competition
- Toxic Torts

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BIOGRAPHY

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CASES

- Represented a foreign bank and its directors in protracted litigation in Florida state court. Matt developed key legal theories and defense strategies and handled nearly all trial court and appellate briefing. He achieved dismissal with prejudice of tort and RICO claims against all defendants. He also obtained dismissal of two appeals prior to oral argument and argued successfully for reversal of the trial court's ruling on general and specific personal jurisdiction. Litigation is ongoing.
- Represented an international project development company in disputes regarding two construction projects in Africa. Matt handled briefing on engineering issues and liquidated damages, fact and expert witness prep, and presented his client's engineering expert at a hearing. His client prevailed on the liquidated damages claim. Other rulings are pending.
- *Taylor, et al. v. Michelin North America, Inc., et al.* (N.D. Okla. 2017) - Representing Michelin and Goodrich Corp. against claims brought by more than 100 plaintiffs alleging groundwater contamination by benzene and other chemicals from a long-closed tire manufacturing plant in Oklahoma. Claims include nuisance, trespass, unjust enrichment, and RCRA violations.
- Represented an oil and gas industry pioneer and his companies that were sued for hundreds of millions of dollars based on allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract. Matt deposed key witnesses, eliciting critical testimony regarding alleged trade secrets. He also drafted a winning motion for attorneys' fees. The parties settled with no payment from his clients, no admission of liability, and the plaintiff paid millions in defense costs.
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- Successfully represented a victim of domestic violence in a pro bono effort to obtain a civil protection order.

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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado
District of Columbia
New York

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- "A Rat Res? Questioning the Value of Res Judicata in Rule 23(b)(3) Superiority Inquiries for Foreign Cubed Class Action Securities Litigations," 48 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 114 (2009).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cooking, designing and repairing stereo equipment, and billiards