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Services and Industries

- Construction Law
- Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Business and Corporate
- Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions

Education

Dickinson School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1987

United States Naval Academy, B.S. in Physics, 1977

Admissions

Pennsylvania

United States Supreme Court

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

Matthew Chabal, III focuses his practice on Construction Law and Business Litigation and Strategic Solutions. Throughout his career of more than 30 years, he has represented owners, contractors, design professionals, and developers on complex construction litigation matters in state and federal courts and various alternative dispute resolution forums. He frequently advises on construction contracts, bid disputes, claims, non-compete agreements, termination agreements and architect and engineer licensing.

Matt is admitted to practice in all Pennsylvania state and federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court and has been admitted *pro hac vice* in numerous states. He is an experienced mediator and arbitrator who provides alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services through Optimal Dispute Resolutions. He also serves as a Certified Mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and as a panelist for the Dauphin County Bar Association Mediation Program.

Matt is a former Navy pilot. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 2007 with the rank of Captain (O-6) after 30 years of service. Following his flying tours, he was assigned as a Deputy Inspector General, completed two tours in the Pentagon Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, commanded a Navy Reserve Unit and served as a Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (NEPLO). As a Navy Reservist, he was activated in 2001 and assigned to the Pentagon following 9/11 and in 2005 for recovery efforts during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

Before joining Saxton & Stump, Matt was a partner at a law firm in Hershey, PA, and previously was a partner at Duane Morris LLP, one of the largest law firms in the country. After receiving his J.D., he served as a law clerk to Hon. William W. Caldwell in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Matt has written and lectured on construction law topics, arbitration, and mediation and serves on various related committees.

Experience

- Drafted and negotiated many design and construction contracts
- Experienced in drafting Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) contracts and mediating and litigating IPD disputes
- Advice regarding insurance and risk management
- Defense of a design professional in a major landslide case
- Defense of a real estate developer in a copyright infringement case
- Prosecution of a construction delay claim on an apartment building project
- Defense of a design professional in an HVAC design defect claim
- Defense of owner against complex mechanical engineering claims
- Defense of contractor construction claims against a private school
- Prosecution and defense of securities claims before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- Represented the owner in the drafting, negotiating and administration of a construction management agreement and 19 prime construction contracts for a $120+ million hotel and convention center project (one of the first major public-private partnerships in Pennsylvania)
- Drafted and negotiated numerous joint venture agreements

- Defended a $30 million lawsuit by a general contractor against a major steel fabricator in a public mass transportation project
- Defended a $2 million federal discrimination lawsuit brought by a physician specialist against a large healthcare system
- Prosecuted a breach of employment contract claim by a highly compensated executive against a major department store chain
- Has served as a mediator since 2006. Representative cases include commercial contract disputes; construction disputes; copyright infringement cases; civil rights cases involving race, age, and gender discrimination; employment disputes under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical Leave Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

Recognitions

- U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- U.S. Department of the Navy, Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards)
- U.S. Department of the Navy, Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards)
- U.S. Department of the Army, Army Achievement Medal
- U.S. Department of the Navy, Humanitarian Service Medal
- Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, 2027

Community Involvement

- Board member of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation' Susquehanna Valley Chapter

Professional Affiliations

- Federal Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law, Litigation Section, Public Contracts Law Section, Section of Dispute Resolution
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Civil Litigation Section, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
- Dauphin County Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
- Cumberland County Bar Association
- Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Keystone Chapter
- American Institute of Architects
- Military Officers Association of America
- Association of the U.S. Navy
- National Eagle Scout Association
- U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation