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PARTNER

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Matt Ramenda is a seasoned civil litigator and municipal attorney whose legal career spans over fifteen years representing private and municipal clients in state and federal courts.

A pragmatic thinker, Matt seeks to resolve commercial disputes as quickly and as efficiently as possible. He represents private sector clients in complex commercial litigation, business law torts and premises liability defense. His work includes:

- obtaining a \$7.75 million jury verdict in a five-week securities fraud jury trial involving the Florida Securities & Investor Protection Act (SIPA);
- bringing and defending lawsuits based on the Federal and Florida Civil RICO Acts;
- defending age discrimination claims brought by former employees against employers pursuant to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA);
- representing commercial landlords in eviction proceedings;
 and
- successfully appealing the denial of trademark registrations to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

PRACTICE AREAS

- <u>Code Enforcement</u>
- Municipal Counsel
- <u>Special Counsel to Local</u> <u>Government</u>
- Administrative Proceedings
- <u>Appellate</u>
- Civil Rights and Torts
- Complex Commercial
- Constitutional Challenges
- Construction Claims and Defense
- <u>Distressed Asset Workout</u> <u>And Litigation</u>
- <u>Governmental Actions</u> and Defense



His representation of municipal clients has included litigation involving claims for false arrest, excessive force, constitutional challenges, public records request violations, premises liability, and code enforcement lien foreclosure actions.

In addition to litigation, Matt has experience providing general representation to municipalities, including the Town of Palm Beach, the Town of Jupiter Island, the Town of Jupiter, and the Town of Lake Park. This experience includes representing municipalities at town council meetings, code enforcement board hearings, quasi-judicial proceedings, special magistrate hearings, appeals to the Circuit Court, and in drafting municipal ordinances and resolutions.

Matt was an elected member of The Florida Bar Board of Governors Young Lawyers Division for nine years, where he chaired and moderated the "Practicing with Professionalism" course for first-year lawyers in West Palm Beach.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Palm Beach County League of Cities
- The Florida Bar Board of Governors, Governor, Young Lawyers Division, 2007-2016
- Chairman, "Practicing with Professionalism" Florida Bar CLE, 2008-2014
- The Florida Bar, Access to Justice Committee Co-Chair, 2015
- Vanderbilt University Alumni Association of Palm Beach and Broward Counties, President, 2008-2012

PRESENTATIONS

- ADA Compliance for Municipal Websites, Palm Beach County Municipal Clerks Association, February 2018
- Is Your Website ADA Compliant and What is the Law? Palm Beach League of Cities, September 2017

PRESS MENTIONS

• <u>Power Players</u>, The Boca Raton Observer Magazine, December 2021

ADMISSIONS

Florida, 2004

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States Supreme Court, 2015

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 2005

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2004

Florida State University, B.S., Business Administration, *cum laude*, 2001