

Matthew S. De La Torre

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Matthew S. De La Torre is counsel in the Firm's Construction Practice. He draws upon his commercial litigation experience to effectively work with all parties to achieve optimal results on his clients' behalf.

Matthew represents clients in all stages of construction litigation, including drafting pleadings, arguing motions and appeals, conducting depositions, and preparing for mediation, arbitration, and trial.

Matthew advises both owners and developers on their contractual rights and analyzes contract provisions to ensure that contractors properly and timely meet their contractual obligations. He regularly advises clients on and litigates the merits of project agreements, including non-disclosure agreements, license agreements, and subcontractor agreements.

Related Services

- Construction
- Compliance & Administrative Law
- Art Law

Education

- State University of New York at Stony Brook (B.A., *cum laude*, 2012)
- Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University (J.D., 2016)

Bar Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- Nassau County Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- *Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, 2021-2026
- *New York Super Lawyers*®- Rising Star, 2020-2025

Representative Matters

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Secured dismissal for the principal of construction company in breach of construction contract action against the principal based upon the documentary evidence, which revealed the principal was not a party to the contracts at issue.

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Successfully defended construction company against individuals/principals of general contractor's motion to dismiss client's complaint concerning the individuals/principals' diversion of trust funds under New York Lien Law.

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Represented not-for-profit organization in neighbor versus neighbor trespass and nuisance action and succeeded on motion for summary judgment dismissing plaintiffs' complaint for lack of standing and lack of evidence.

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Successfully defended company, principal, and employees against former employer's motion for sanctions due to prior defense counsel's failure to disclose discovery in breach of employment agreement(s), breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference with prospective business relations action.

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Represented HVAC company in multiple actions for delay damages against the City of New York and various New York agencies and lodged summary judgment motions, which resulted in favorable settlements for clients.

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Succeeded on motion for contempt against judgment debtor due to violations of judgment enforcement subpoena and successfully defeated judgment debtor's motion to quash and motion for protective order.

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Represented DBE energy company in False Claims Act investigation with the Department of Justice and assisted in the resolution of pre-action fraud claims against the company.

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Successfully defended CPA and company in breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference with prospective business relations at preliminary injunction hearing.

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Represented individual in CPLR 3102 pre-action special proceeding against New York agency and individuals concerning the diversion of client's spouse's benefits.