



WOOD SMITH HENNING & BERMAN LLP

Attorney Bio

Matthew Williams brings over 20 years of trial experience, solid results and creative strategy to every matter he handles. Truly a versatile lawyer, Matt handles complex matters involving toxic torts, professional liability, environmental, insurance and products liability. Throughout the course of his career, Matt's successfully tried high profile cases to verdict, including multiple jury trials.

He enjoys considerable experience in complex civil litigation and dispute resolution. He's negotiated on behalf of corporate and individual clients often facing millions in liability, consistently settling for a small fraction of their exposure, and even zero liability in some cases. Among his published opinions is *Thrifty Oil & Subsidiaries v. Commissioner*, 139 T.C. 6 (2012), a Federal Court decision regarding environmental remediation expenses. Matt began his career as a Lieutenant in the Navy JAG Corps, defending toxic tort, environmental, professional liability, and criminal cases. His honors include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star.

Matt earned his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Widener University School of Law. He subsequently earned his Master of Laws, with highest honors, from The George Washington University. He is the proud recipient of the Bet Tzedek Access To Justice Award which he earned for his work with the Holocaust Survivors Justice Network.

Education

The George Washington University School of Law (LL.M., 2005, with highest honors)

Widener University Law School (J.D., 2001, *magna cum laude*)

Towson University (B.S., 1997, *magna cum laude*)

Licensed to Practice in:

California, Pennsylvania (inactive)

Practice Areas

Toxic Tort and Occupational Exposure
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***Environmental
Insurance
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Complex Tort and Casualty***

Trial & Appellate Results

- Thrifty Oil & Subsidiaries v. Commissioner, 139 T.C. 6 (2012)

Awards & Accomplishments

- Bet Tzedek Access To Justice Award

Memberships

- California Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association (Inactive)
- American Bar Association
- ABOTA

Community Activities

- Volunteer Judge for Mock Trial Competitions at Hastings and Golden Gate University