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### Biography

Matthew Sellers represents plaintiffs and defendants in complex trial and appellate litigation. He has secured wins for individuals, family-owned businesses, local governments, and publicly traded companies. Matthew also has an active pro bono practice, serving on the Leadership Council for the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, the largest provider of pro bono legal services to low-income Atlantans.

In 2025, the Daily Report named him an On the Rise in Georgia honoree, an annual listing recognizing the Southeast's most promising lawyers under 40.

Before joining the firm, Matthew clerked for Judge Robert L. Hinkle of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida and Judge Beverly B. Martin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

### Representative Matters

- Prevailed on appeal to the Georgia Supreme Court in a property tax dispute for a hospital authority, saving the authority millions in taxes.
- Persuaded the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit to affirm the remand of hundreds of cases from federal to state court in Combat Arms earplug litigation against 3M Company.

- Argued and won a Georgia Court of Appeals case establishing the effectiveness of the plaintiff's ante litem notice.
- Assisted with an appeal against the Athens Housing Authority in a case establishing that housing authorities have no sovereign immunity from tort claims.
- Secured multi-million-dollar insurance coverage of breach of representations and warranties in a merger agreement for a publicly traded REIT.
- Obtained confirmation of an eight-figure arbitration award on behalf of a former company executive and negotiated a favorable settlement.
- Litigated and favorably settled an investment adviser's claims against a former owner for violating restrictive covenants. Won a \$2.6 million award in arbitration on behalf of an LLC minority member in a complex shareholder dispute.
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- Recovered millions on behalf of a high net worth individual in an accounting malpractice claim against former income tax accountants.
- Defeated dismissal of RICO and securities fraud claims by convincing a federal court, in a matter of first impression, that a cryptocurrency qualified as a security.
- Achieved dismissal with leave to amend of RICO and business tort claims against a coin-operated amusement business.
- Obtained injunction against the State of Georgia and the Georgia Attorney General prohibiting the execution of nine Georgia inmates.
- Secured asylum for two Afghan refugees who fled after the U.S. withdrawal, allowing them to resettle permanently in Atlanta.
- Volunteers regularly with the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation in landlord-tenant and wage-and-hour disputes on behalf of low-income clients.

## **Professional Activities**

- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Leadership Council, 2021 - Present
- Federal Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, 2021 - Present
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinder, 2025
- Clarke-Carley Inn of Court, Barrister, 2023 - 2025
- National LGBTQ+ Bar Association
- Stonewall Bar Association

## Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America, 2026
- Daily Report, On the Rise in Georgia, 2025
- Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2026

## Credentials

### Education

- Stanford Law School, J.D., 2017
  - Gerald Gunther Prize for Outstanding Performance in Immigration Law and Legal Ethics
  - Articles Editor, Stanford Law Review
  - Wolfson College, University of Oxford, M.St. in English, with distinction
  - Marshall Scholar
- University of Georgia, A.B. in English, Summa Cum Laude
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - Foundation Fellowship

### Previous Experience

- Law Clerk, Honorable Beverly B. Martin, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- Law Clerk, Honorable Robert L. Hinkle, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida

### Admissions

- State Bar of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

## Thought Leadership

- Speaker, Commercial Indemnity Clauses: Another Road to Corporate Recoveries, Association of Corporate Counsel Georgia, April 2026