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Matt Gass is a Member in the firm's Atlanta office where he handles a variety of litigation matters in state and federal court. He is a commercial litigator with significant experience representing international, national, and regional law firms and accounting firms. His clients have also included trustees, brokers, and businesses.

Matt is often retained to advise clients on how to manage risk, limit exposure, and resolve high-stakes disputes. He advises his accounting firm clients concerning investigations by the IRS, SEC, and DOJ, as well as on subpoena compliance issues. He also assists his clients with negotiating and drafting contracts.

Matt is a seasoned litigator who has successfully tried several cases. He has experience defending law firms and accounting firms in professional liability claims arising out of fiduciary duties, trusts and estates issues, litigation, business disputes, First Amendment claims, family law, real estate transactions, Stark Law compliance, tax matters, and audit engagements.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Class Action, Mass Action & Multi-District Litigation
- Creditors' Rights, Out-of-Court Workouts & Commercial Litigation
- Litigation & Appeals
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Real Estate & Land Use Litigation

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Shannon Sprinkle and Matt Gass secured a defense verdict after a two week plus trial for their national law firm client accused of wrongful foreclosure activities and GA RICO claims arising out of an alleged erroneous loan payoff.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Litigation Trends
Data Security and Privacy Symposium, Atlanta Bar Association CLE, April 17, 2024
- Syndicated Conservation Easement Tax Court Update
8th Annual Accounting Risk Management Seminar, Atlanta, November 7, 2023
- Dealing with Bad Evidence: Strategies For Managing Evidentiary Pain Points at Trial
co-speaker, National Legal Malpractice Conference, ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability, San Juan, PR, April 19-21, 2023
- 7th Annual Accounting Risk Management Seminar
presented by Stites & Harbison's Accounting Defense Team, Atlanta, GA, October 26, 2022
- Training, Forging Relationships, and Building Firm Culture with Younger Lawyers in the New Normal
The Back on Track Series, Atlanta Bar Association, Joint Atlanta Council of Younger Lawyers Section and Litigation Section Breakfast, April 1, 2022
- Louisville law firm announces big growth in Atlanta
by Jason Thomas, *Louisville Business First*, January 27, 2022
- Stites & Harbison Continues Expansion in Atlanta: Lands Commercial Litigation Team of 12 from Copeland, Stair, Kingma & Lovell LLP
Franklins, January 25, 2022
- 19 Attorneys Move to Stites & Harbison, Rapidly Growing Atlanta Team
by Jacob Polacheck, *Daily Report*, January 25, 2022
- Stites & Harbison Adds 19 To Atlanta Team From 2 Firms *with Jack Rodgers Law360*, January 24, 2022

MEMBERSHIPS

- Georgia Bar Association , Member
- Atlanta Bar Association , Member; Executive Committee, former Member
- American Bar Association , Member
- Atlanta Counsel of Young Lawyers , Past Presiding President
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation , Leadership Council, former member

EDUCATION

Wake Forest School of Law J.D. 2013

- *Law Review*, Senior Notes & Comments Editor

Syracuse University B.A. *summa cum laude* 2008

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Prior to joining the firm, Matt was a Partner at a large commercial litigation firm in Atlanta. He began his legal career clerking for the Hon. Chief Judge Ben Studdard, Henry County State Court.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Commercial Litigation; Legal Malpractice Law; Professional Malpractice Law (2022-24)
- *Georgia Trend's* Legal Elite (2022)