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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- ◆ Antitrust & Trade Regulation
- ◆ Appeals
- ◆ Class Action & Consumer Litigation
- ◆ Drug Pricing Litigation
- ◆ Employee Benefits & Retirement Security (ERISA)

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin

B.A., with distinction, 2005, Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa

Georgetown University Law Center

J.D., cum laude, 2010; Executive Articles Editor, Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy

Matthew Gerend practices in the firm's nationally recognized Complex Litigation Group, representing employees, benefit plans, and consumers in litigation to enforce antitrust laws and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA").

Matt has represented plaintiffs in federal courts across the country to redress harms stemming from breaches of fiduciary duties, investment fraud, anticompetitive conduct, and other misconduct that harms employees, benefit plans, and consumers.

Matt has also represented health plan members and health plans in litigation to hold pharmacy benefit managers and drug manufacturers accountable for unfair, deceptive, and anticompetitive practices that artificially drive up the prices for critical medications, such as the EpiPen and the MS drug Copaxone.

Matt became interested in the laws protecting retirement and health benefits as a clerk with AARP Foundation Litigation, where he helped draft a number of amicus curiae briefs filed in the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Courts of Appeals regarding the proper interpretation and implementation of ERISA. During law school, Matt also worked as an intern with the Community Development Project at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Matt believes that lawyers have a unique ability to effect social change, an ethic that has guided his work representing individuals and benefit plans against those engaged in divisive and fraudulent practices.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

2010, Washington

2011, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

2012, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

2013, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

2014, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

2014, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

2015, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

2015, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

2016, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

2016, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

2016, Supreme Court of the United States

2018, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

2018, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Washington State Bar Association, *Member*

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America®, Seattle, Washington, 2026
(Recognized since 2024)

- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs-

Selected to Super Lawyers list in *Super Lawyers - Washington*, 2025

Selected to Rising Stars list in *Super Lawyers – Washington*, 2014-2022

National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Washington

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Contributing Author, *Zanglein et. al., ERISA Litigation* (Bloomberg BNA) (2015-2016).

Co-author with Deborah M. Austin, *The Scope and Potential of Section 3 as Currently Implemented*, 19 J. Affordable Housing & Commun. Dev. L. 89 (2009).