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Matt Chait is the Managing Partner of the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group. His statewide practice focuses on commercial real estate and land use litigation, commercial foreclosure and loan guaranty matters, and general business litigation, including partnership and LLC disputes, franchising, healthcare, fraud, deceptive trade practices, and complex judgment domestication issues. A Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ rated commercial litigator, Matt has been recognized by a variety of publications for his legal work.

Prior to joining the firm, Matt practiced law in New York. He served as an intern in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for United States District Judge Richard Conway Casey in the Southern District of New York.

Matt also devotes substantial time to the community. He serves on the Economic Council of Palm Beach County and on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. He is a longtime member of Executives with Heart, a group of Palm Beach County business leaders that raises funds for the American Heart Association's annual Heart Walk. Matt previously served on the Board of Directors of Resource Depot, a non-profit organization that collects and distributes reusable materials to the arts and education community. Matt is also a graduate of Leadership Palm Beach County.

Practice Areas

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Litigation

Industry Focus

Financial Services

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Real Estate

Accolades

- Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Power Leaders 250, 2024, 2025, 2026
- *Florida Trend* Legal Elite NOTABLE Managing Partners, 2024
- *Florida Trend* Florida Legal Elite™, Commercial Litigation, 2020, 2021
- *Palm Beach Illustrated*, "Top Lawyer," 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- *Boca Raton Observer*, Top Lawyers, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- "Top Lawyer," *Jupiter Magazine*, 2022-2024
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Super Lawyer, Business Litigation, 2024, 2025
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2019-2026
- *Daily Business Review*, "On the Rise 40 Under 40", 2015

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., 2003
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 2000

Bar Admissions

Florida

New York

New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

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- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Professional and Civic

- Member, Economic Council of Palm Beach County
- Board of Directors and Trustee, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches
- Member and previously on Board of Directors, Resource Depot
- Member, American Heart Association Executives with Heart, 2019-present
- Leadership Palm Beach County, Class of 2015
- University of Pennsylvania Secondary School Committee
- Florida Bar
 - Business Law Section
 - Business Litigation Committee
 - Real Property Probate & Trust Law Section
 - Real Property Litigation Committee
 - Landlord & Tenant Committee
- Federal Bar Association, Palm Beach Chapter
- Palm Beach County Bar Association
- Former Co-Chairman, American Heart Association Lawyers Have Heart 5K Run