

# MATTHEW C. MILLER



Partner MATTHEW C. MILLER focuses his practice on commercial and business litigation, employment litigation, creditors' rights, business transactions, and real estate matters. He has specific experience representing automobile, truck, motorcycle, and recreational vehicle dealers with respect to administrative and regulatory proceedings, consumer claims, dealer compliance programs, manufacturer disputes and commercial transactions. Matthew also represents clients in

shareholder disputes, non-compete and non-solicitation agreements, and trade secret actions. In 2017, Matthew was a speaker before the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers Association on topics including franchise protection standards, facility renovations, FTC used car buyer's guide update, warranty compensation, warranty chargeback protection, succession performance standards, manufacturer/dealer litigation and relocation protests. He also wrote "Complying with Notice Provisions of the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016," an article which appeared in Focus, a publication of the Association of Corporate Counsel, Northeast Ohio Chapter. Matthew received his B.S.B.A. in 2006 from Bucknell University and his J.D. in 2009 from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He obtained his Ohio Bar admission in 2009 and also has admission before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, and the United States Tax Court. Matthew is a member of the American, Ohio State and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar associations. Since 2015, Matthew has been named an Ohio Rising Star in Business Litigation by Thomson Reuters.

#### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

### MOTOR VEHICLE LITIGATION

- Represented Nissan dealer in Ohio administrative proceeding, protesting relocation request.
- Represented dealer in administrative and State Court proceedings, arising out of manufacturer's denial of buy/sell agreement.
- Represented dealer in Ohio administrative proceeding, seeking to establish dealer/operators as successor/operators.
- Represented numerous dealers in Ohio in arbitration proceedings arising out of Chrysler and General Motors bankruptcy proceedings.
- Successfully defended recreational vehicle dealer in arbitration in lawsuit filed by consumer seeking to rescind purchase agreement.
- Won Summary Judgment on all Consumer Sales Practice Acts claims brought in arbitration by consumer.
- Successfully represented dealers in several consumer actions.
- Represented dealer in Federal Court action filed by manufacturer arising out of Chrysler bankruptcy.
- Represented Virginia motor vehicle dealer in Federal Court action arising out of breach of computer services agreement.

#### LITIGATION

- Represent National Credit Union Administration Board, acting in its capacity as Liquidating Agent, for credit unions involuntarily liquidated, including the liquidation of St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union.
- Represented 50% shareholders in shareholder dispute, seeking to enjoin Defendants from terminating clients and removing them from Board of Directors. Matter successfully resolved with company being purchased by clients on favorable terms.
- Represented player agents in State Court action filed by International Management Agency seeking to enforce non-compete and non-solicitation agreements.
- Represented sales representative in a trade-secret action filed in State Court by Turf Installation Company.
- Represented shareholder in accounting malpractice action against accounting firm arising out of failed investment.

## **Contact Information**

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