

F. Matthew Ralph

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Matt is general counsel to Dorsey & Whitney and serves on the Firm's leadership team. Matt also represents clients in complex litigation.

As head of the Firm's Office of General Counsel, Matt leads a team of professionals dedicated to fostering a culture of integrity and ethics within the Firm, mitigating legal and operational risk, and monitoring compliance with regulatory requirements. Matt is secretary to the Firm's Policy Committee and a member of the Firm's New Business Committee, Professional Responsibility Committee, and Cybersecurity Committee.

Matt is the former Co-Chair of Dorsey's Commercial Litigation and Antitrust practice groups. He continues to represent clients in antitrust matters and complex litigation, including antitrust matters involving the Sherman Act, Clayton Act, government investigations, horizontal price-fixing and bid-rigging, vertical restraints, monopolization and attempted monopolization, exclusive dealing, loyalty discounts, bundled discounts, Walker Process fraud, and the Noerr-Pennington doctrine. Matt has experience in numerous industries, including energy, education, financial services, transportation, optical, entertainment, telecommunications, and medical devices.

Select Experience

- Lead counsel for the NCAA in antitrust cases challenging the NCAA's athletic eligibility rules.
- Lead counsel for independent movie theater alleging monopolization claims based on circuit dealing and clearances; case settled after defendant's motion to dismiss was denied.
- Lead counsel for national bank in suit alleging price-fixing conspiracy related to credit card security chips; client dismissed on Rule 12 motion.
- Lead counsel for corrective lens manufacturer alleging monopolization claims; case settled shortly before trial.

Education

- University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 2001)
 - *cum laude*;
Executive Article Editor, *Michigan Law Review*
- University of Wisconsin (M.A., German Intellectual History, 1996)
- Dartmouth College (B.A., History, 1992)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- Montana
- Arizona

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Eighth and Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association (Antitrust Section)
- Assistant Editor, *Antitrust Law Journal*
- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- Federal Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association (Antitrust Section, Council Member 2009-present; Secretary-Treasurer 2010-11; Vice-Chair 2011-12; Chair 2012-13)
- Hennepin County Bar Foundation Board of Directors, Founding Fellow, 2016-present, Treasurer 2018-19, Grant Review Committee Co-Chair 2018-19
- Adjunct Professor, Antitrust, University of Minnesota, 2013-14, University of St. Thomas Law School, 2009-12

Clerkships

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Diana E. Murphy, 2001–2002

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Antitrust, Minnesota, 2017-2019, 2023-2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2020-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024, 2026
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, "The Power 30: Mergers & Acquisitions," 2023
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*, 2015-2019
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2012-2013, 2016, 2018-2023, 2025
- Partner of the Year, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 2016
- Dorsey & Whitney Scales of Justice Award for representing transgender man and transgender advocacy organization in a case that struck down a Minnesota statute barring Medicaid reimbursement for sex reassignment surgery, *OutFront Minnesota v. Piper*, No. 62-CV-15-7501 (Minn. 2d Jud. Dist. – Ramsey County), 2016
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, Attorney of the Year, 2013
- Dorsey & Whitney Scales of Justice Award for representing Kenyan asylum applicant resulting in *Gathungu v. Holder*, 725 F.3d 900 (8th Cir. 2013), 2010
- Advocates for Human Rights Volunteer Award for briefing and arguing the appeal in *Hassan v. Gonzales*, 484 F.3d 513 (8th Cir. 2007), 2008

Insights

July 7, 2025

Litigation Risks Arising from Hidden or “Junk” Fees

December 23, 2024

New Junk Fees Rules to Take Effect in 2025

December 21, 2023

Back to the Future: 2023 Merger Guidelines Reach into History to Support Enlarged Antitrust Enforcement Agenda

January 26, 2023

F. Matthew Ralph Selected by Minnesota Lawyer as a POWER 30 Top M&A Attorneys for Minnesota in 2023

September 28, 2022

Matt Ralph Featured in Minnesota Lawyer

June 21, 2021

Dorsey Partner Matt Ralph Discusses SCOTUS NCAA Ruling

November 7, 2019

DOJ Puts Recipients of Federal Funds on Notice: New “Procurement Collusion Strike Force” to Focus Antitrust Scrutiny on Public Procurement and Grant Transactions

June 26, 2017

Leegin's 10-Year Checkup: State RPM Rules Vs. Federal Rule

June 22, 2017

Dorsey Partner Matt Ralph Remarks on Stripping Citizenship Ruling