



Matthew T. Harris

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OVERVIEW

Matthew Harris is a partner in the firm's Real Estate practice. He represents REITs and other public and private entities, including private developers and investors, in connection with development acquisitions, dispositions and real estate financing regionally and nationally. Matt also has broad experience in industrial, distribution center leasing and development, and office leasing projects, including office headquarter projects.

Matt has decades of experience representing health care companies in connection with facility development, acquisitions, dispositions, and ground leasing, including having managed all real estate in connection with a tax free spin-off transaction resulting in the creation of two public hospital companies. Matt also has expertise in wireless telecommunications real estate, and has extensive experience in representing clients before boards of zoning appeals and planning commissions in Tennessee in pursuing project entitlements.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Matt previously served as leader of the real estate practice group of a regional law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- AV® rated in *Martindale-Hubbell*®
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Land Use and Zoning Law, 2021-2024
 - Litigation - Real Estate, 2011-2024
 - Real Estate Law, 2007-2024
- Recipient of "Lawyer of the Year" award by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Real Estate Law in Nashville, 2020
- Recognized in *Chambers USA* for Real Estate in Tennessee since 2009
- Named by *Nashville Business Journal* "Best of the Bar" (multiple years)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Hearing Panel Member - Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility
- Former member, Board of Directors, Family & Children's Services of Tennessee
- Member, American Health Lawyers Association
- National Association of Industrial Office Properties

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Has previously participated in Continuing Legal Education panels speaking on the subject of commercial real estate in Tennessee and zoning matters

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Tennessee, 1984
- B.S., University of Tennessee, 1980 *with honors*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Tennessee
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 June 2023, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 9 May 2023, K&L Gates Advises SPX Technologies on Agreement to Purchase Electrical Heating Solutions Leader
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 1 June 2022, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 10 February 2022, K&L Gates Deepens Real Estate Group with Addition of Nashville Trio

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate