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Matt Todd is a co-chair of the Licensing & Transactions practice and Restrictive Covenants & Trade Secrets Litigation practice and is a member of Polsinelli's Blockchain and Web3 Steering Committee. He has over two decades of experience structuring and negotiating domestic and international complex intellectual property and technology-related transactions. In addition to his transactional experience, Matt has demonstrated knowledge in assisting clients with deploying and commercializing artificial intelligence and machine learning, blockchain and cybersecurity technologies. He has advised clients in a variety of industries including energy, semiconductor, automotive, defense, software and financial services. Matt is also one of Polsinelli's leading authorities on open-source software use, licensing, deployment and integration.

In addition to his legal experience, Matt has more than 10 years of experience in network administration and operations.

Education

- University of Oxford (M.B.A., 2010)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D., 1998)
- University of Texas at Austin (B.B.A., 1995)
 - Accounting

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2003
- Virginia, 2001
- Texas, 1998

Memberships

- Houston Angel Network
- University of Oxford, Said Business School Regional Ambassador
- University of Houston Law Center, Adjunct Professor, Privacy and Data Security Law

Capabilities

- Technology Transactions
- Intellectual Property
- Licensing & Transactions
- Trademark, Copyright & Branding
- Uniform Domain Name Dispute-Resolution Policy
- Data Center & Infrastructure
- Restrictive Covenants & Trade Secrets Litigation
- Information Security (InfoSec)
- International Trademark & Clearance
- Solare Brand Protection Program
- Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

Matters

- Served as outside general counsel for clients in high-tech, defense, consumer products and regulated industries.
- Represented major energy industry corporation in worldwide patent licensing transaction.
- Represented global computer industry corporation in worldwide trademark assignment and negotiation.
- Managed the trademark portfolio of a US based consumer products corporation.
- Drafted Trademark Usage and Branding Guidelines for global handset manufacturer.
- Designed and implemented technology development and commercialization strategies and policies for clients in the high-tech and automotive industries.
- Drafted and negotiated information technology, telecommunication and ISP agreements.
- Assisted startups and early stage companies with organization and formation agreements, funding agreements, employment agreements, intellectual property development agreements, licenses, non-disclosure agreements and joint ventures.
- Organized and conducted due-diligence in furtherance of intellectual property driven acquisitions and transactions.