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A Partner in the Insolvency and Litigation Services Department of Bederson LLP, Matt is responsible for all aspects of forensic engagements, including bankruptcy, insolvency, fraud, damages and tax matters. In this capacity, he has appeared and testified in Bankruptcy, District and State Courts representing Trustees, Secured Creditors, Creditors' Committees and Debtors and has served as Liquidating and Disbursing Agent. He has also investigated and uncovered numerous defalcations, leading to recoveries and arrests. For his work in the NJ Affordable fraud, Matt was recognized by the FBI for his outstanding assistance in the joint investigation.

Matt has lectured on insolvency and tax matters for the American Bankruptcy Institute, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (including various chapters), the Hunterdon Medical Center, the Essex County Bar Association, the Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Lorman Education Services, AGN (an international affiliation of accounting firms), the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys, law firms, publicly held companies, and the AIRA. He has developed and taught a variety of courses in the areas of tax, EDP investigations and insolvency matters as well as a wide range of accounting and economics courses at Warren County Community College and Kean University.

Professionally, Matt is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, where he previously chaired the Bankruptcy Task Force; the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants; The Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors, where he is Chairman and for ten years was responsible for developing in-depth one day seminars for the Annual Conference, and is a recipient of the AIRA's Emanuel Katten award for service to the organization and to the insolvency profession; the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; The Turnaround Management Association and the American Bankruptcy Institute, where he was formerly an associate editor of the "Cracking the Code" Editorial Board. Publications include CPA Litigation Counselor, American Bankruptcy institute (online and the Journal), AIRA Journal and Commerce Magazine.

In the community, Matt currently serves or has served on the boards of Alzheimer's New Jersey; LatinoJustice PRLDEF, where he is the former Treasurer; New Jersey Arts Incubator; the West Orange Chamber of Commerce, where he is a past president; the West Orange Lions Club, where he is a past president; Chairman and Emcee of the West Orange Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon; the West Orange Zoning Ordinance Review Committee; the Hunterdon Chamber of Commerce and the Hunterdon Occupational Training Center.

Matt majored in economics at the University of Virginia where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction. He obtained his MBA in accounting from Rutgers.