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About

Matthew S. Brett joined the firm in 2000 and became a Partner in 2007.

Mr. Brett, practices as trial counsel in the Firm's Litigation Department. He has litigated many cases in the Civil and Supreme Courts, including complicated rent regulation disputes, landlord-tenant matters, contract litigation, commercial litigation, zoning and adjoining property owner disputes. He also advises and represents clients in cooperative and condominium disputes.

In addition to litigation, Mr. Brett regularly advises clients on all aspects of New York's complex rent regulatory scheme.

Mr. Brett has lectured at seminars and continuing legal education classes for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Rent Stabilization Association, the New York County Lawyers Association, CHIP, the Cato Institute in Washington DC and World Wide Land Transfer on issues such as rent regulation, affordable housing, luxury deregulation, rental overcharges, regulatory due diligence, AirBnB/transient occupancies, mold litigation and digital evidence.

Mr. Brett is a former Owner's Representative on the Advisory Council of the Housing Part of the New York City Civil Court, a former member of the Housing and Urban Development, Housing Court and Judiciary Committees of the New York City Bar Association.

Education

Juris Doctorate

Brooklyn Law School

- Moot Court Honor Society

BA

Emory University

Practice Areas

- Co-op and Condo Law
- Commercial Real Estate Litigation
- Landlord and Tenant Disputes
- Construction Law
- Land Use and Zoning

Admissions

- New York
- New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department
- US Supreme Court

Associations

- New York City Bar Association, Housing and Urban Development Committee

Honors & Awards

- Super Lawyers®, New York Metro Area, Real Estate (2021 – 2025)
- Super Lawyers Rising Stars®, New York Metro Area, Real Estate (2012 – 2013)