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Matthew Iverson represents clients in complex litigation, specializing in defending independent contractor misclassification and employment class actions. He has defended clients in a wide range of business lawsuits and arbitrations involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of warranty, business torts, securities fraud, UCC violations, merger challenges and noncompetition and nondisclosure covenants.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

Matthew has represented clients before the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Court of Appeals and federal and state trial courts, and in international arbitrations.

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## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

### *Independent Contractor Misclassification Defense*

- Achieved summary judgment for international convenience store franchisor accused of misclassifying its franchisees
- Defended international limousine booking service and defeated class certification in putative independent contractor misclassification class action
- Obtained the dismissal of numerous lawsuits and arbitrations accusing janitorial franchisor of misclassifying its franchisees as independent contractors

### *Products Liability*

- Led trial team that successfully defended a multi-national semiconductor manufacturer in US\$90 million products liability action
- Successfully prosecuted international indemnity claim on behalf of international semiconductor manufacturer in products liability arbitration before the Hong Kong International Arbitration Tribunal
- Successfully defended multi-national industrial manufacturer in indemnity dispute regarding liability for asbestos litigation

## Class Action Defense

- Defended international limousine booking service and defeated summary judgment and class certification in putative independent contractor misclassification class action
- Defended international insurer and defeated class certification in putative ERISA class action based on alleged improper reimbursement practices
- Defended national insurer and obtained dismissal of multiple class actions involving claims of improper payment procedures

## Employment

- Obtained preliminary injunction enforcing non-compete agreement against medical device sales company
- Defended medical device manufacturer against employment discrimination and unlawful termination claims
- Defended medical device sales company against non-compete and unfair competition claims resulting from hiring of competitor's salesman

## Banking and Securities

- Defended several hedge funds and hedge fund managers against allegations of securities fraud brought under Massachusetts and Cayman Islands law
- Defended corporate board against putative class action alleging breach of fiduciary duty in connection with corporate merger
- Coordinated national bank's response to multiple investigations of practices within the student lending industry by congressional committees, state attorneys general and Department of Education

## REPRESENTATIVE DECISIONS

- *Patel v. 7-Eleven, Inc.*, 485 F.Supp.3d 299 (D. Mass. 2020)
- *Billie v. Coverall North America, Inc.*, 444 F.Supp.3d 332 (2020)
- *Chebotnikov v. LimoLink, Inc.*, No. CV 14-13475-FDS, 2017 WL 2888713 (D. Mass. July 6, 2017)
- *Metso Automation USA, Inc. v. ITT Corp.*, No. CIV.A. 11-10514-FDS, 2013 WL 6210649 (D. Mass. Nov. 27, 2013)
- *Visibility Corp. v. Schilling Robotics, LLC*, No. CIV.A. 10-12280-JGD, 2011 WL 5075816 (D. Mass. Oct. 25, 2011)

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- Massachusetts

### Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper Matthew served as an Assistant District Attorney with the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, a law clerk to the Honorable Judith A. Cowin of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and an officer in the United States Army.

### Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School 2002  
*cum laude*
- B.A., Political Science, University of Michigan 1994  
*with high distinction*

## INSIGHTS

## Publications

### Trial court rejects claim that 7-Eleven misclassified franchisees as independent contractors

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FranCast

Findings may help guide other franchisors attempting to rebut future misclassification claims by their franchisees.

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## PRO BONO

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Matthew manages DLA Piper's Education Rights Project, a signature pro bono project that assists low-income disabled children in gaining access to special education services and has represented clients in special education disputes with school districts before the Massachusetts Bureau of Special Education. Matthew serves on the Board of Massachusetts Advocates for Children and the Cary Memorial Fund.

### PRO BONO DECISIONS

- Georgia Advocacy Office v. Georgia, 447 F.Supp.3d 1311 (N.D. Ga. 2020)
- Dracut Sch. Comm. v. Bureau of Special Educ. Appeals of the Massachusetts Dep't of Elementary & Secondary Educ., 737 F. Supp. 2d 35 (D. Mass. 2010)