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Matt leads DLA Piper's Venture & Growth Lending practice, is the Chair of DLA Piper's West Coast Finance Practice Group and represents banks, funds, family offices, companies and high net worth individuals in structuring and negotiating a wide range of debt and equity investments.

Matt represents lenders and companies in connection with technology, life science, asset based, private equity and venture capital finance and has extensive experience in counseling lenders and companies on corporate structure issues, mergers and acquisitions, commercial contacts, negotiation tactics and corporate strategy.

Matt sits on the Board of Directors of the John Brockington Foundation (a local San Diego charity founded by former NFL player John Brockington that encourages organ donation, provides financial and resource support for those donating, awaiting and/or receiving organs and promotes health education to minority communities) and is a founding board member of the Randy Jones Foundation (a local San Diego charity founded by MLB legend Randy Jones that provides kids from local military families the opportunity to get involved in sports and outdoor activities). Matt also is host committee member and fundraising leader for the Best Buddies Hearst Castle Challenge (an organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities).

- Finance
- Corporate
- Asset Based Lending
- Debt Finance
- Venture and Growth Lending

- Healthcare
- Technology
- Life Sciences
- Financial Services

Admissions

- California

Recognitions

- *The Legal 500 United States*

2016-20 - Recommended, Commercial Lending – Advice to Lenders

In 2011 and 2012, *The Daily Transcript* named Matt to its list of San Diego County Top Attorneys in recognition of his corporate transactional practice.

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School 2001
- B.A., George Washington University 1998
 - summa cum laude*
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - John Morgan Award for top Political Science graduate
 - Golden Key National Honor Society

Memberships

Matt is a member of the San Diego, California and Federal Bar Associations.

Civic and Charitable

Matt sits on the board of directors of the John Brockington Foundation and serves on the Host Committee for the annual Best Buddies Hearst Castle Challenge.

INSIGHTS

Publications

The Case for Mentoring

15 December 2021

Partner Matt Schwartz, associate Bri Charles and Chief Talent and Inclusion Officer Lenora Ausbon-Odom discuss the mentor and mentee relationship.

DLA Piper · [The Case for Mentoring](#)

- "The Evolution of the Venture Lending Market," *Daily Journal*, May 22, 2019
- Author, "Is your company ready for venture debt?," *DLA Piper*, January 2019
- "3 Ways Venture Lending has Changed Since 2000," LinkedIn Pulse, January 22, 2019

Events

- Moderator, "Venture Debt: What Investors Should Know," HFA Hedge Fund Association, June 22, 2021

NEWS

DLA Piper announces launch of Legal Mentor Network

1 December 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce the launch of the Legal Mentor Network, a nonprofit organization focused on providing young lawyers

and law students with free mentoring services. DLA Piper is the only law firm to serve as a founding sponsor of the Network.
