



## Matthew Vaccaro

Of Counsel

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Matthew Vaccaro, a member of Wilson Elser's German Practice, handles complex commercial litigation, product liability, breach of contract and insurance disputes. His most recent product liability matters include successfully defending German and Italian manufacturers and distributors in various American courts, including federal multidistrict litigation.

Over the past decade, Matthew has developed into a seasoned lawyer with a deep understanding of how to evaluate and defend claims. During this time, he has excelled in all phases of civil litigation, including pre-litigation investigation, discovery, trial and appeal. He strives to cultivate strong partnerships with clients to achieve their business objectives, and to resolve complex matters effectively and efficiently. Consistent with the ethos of Wilson Elser, Matthew also prides himself on being available for his clients and ensuring that his international clients receive competent and effective representation for matters that arise within the United States.

Matthew has written extensively on the adoption of blockchain technology and the regulation of cryptocurrencies and DeFi. He recently was recognized for his pro bono work in the area of human rights.

### Education

- New York Law School (J.D.)

### Bar Admissions

- New York

### Court Admissions

### Services

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- e-Discovery
- Germany
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

### **Professional Affiliations**

- New York Bar Association

## **Client Wins**

### **Unanimous Defense Verdict against \$9 Million Demand in Product Liability Case**

Russ Vignali (Partner-White Plains) and Matthew Vaccaro (Associate-New York) achieved a unanimous defense verdict in the Eastern District of New York following a four-day trial. The plaintiff alleged that he lost a non-dominant index finger and suffered severe lacerations to his thumb due to a defect in a benchtop table saw manufactured by the firm's client. Russ and Matt argued that the plaintiff was not injured during a kickback by the saw, but was instead injured by contacting the unguarded saw blade. In his closing, Russ emphasized that the plaintiff had removed the blade guard before the accident and had admitted that, after the accident, one-half of the workpiece remained on the saw's table and one-half was still in his hand, calling into question the veracity of the plaintiff's story about the kickback and thrown workpiece. The jury returned its verdict in less than two hours. Demand before trial was \$9 million.