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Matthew DeWeerd joins Rusing Lopez & Lizardi as a member of the firm's litigation department. Prior to joining RL&L, Matthew served as a Senior Judicial Law Clerk in the Court of Appeals for the State of Arizona, Division II.

At the Court of Appeals, Matthew clerked for the Honorable Sean Brearcliffe where he drafted dozens of judicial memorandum decisions and published opinions covering a wide range of civil and criminal appeals. In each case, Matthew conducted complex legal research, as well as in-depth analysis of litigation strategy, procedure, and factual records. This appellate perspective uniquely prepares Matthew to assist his clients in navigating the nuanced decisions that litigation presents.

Professional Experience

- Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two, Judicial Clerk for Hon. Sean Brearcliffe
- Pima County Attorney's Office, Misdemeanor Unit - 39(c) Limited Practice Certified Extern
- Brown and Wohlford, PLLC - Intern
- Tucson City Attorney's Office, Criminal Division - Extern
- The United States District Court for the District of Arizona - Extern

Civic Activities

- One-on-One Mentoring - Assistant Mentor Coordinator
- Project Focus - Peer Mentor

Personal

Matthew was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona. Prior to law school, Matthew worked directly with students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities through Project Focus, a post-high school transition opportunity that immerses these students in college life and academics with the goal to increase students' independence, communication and employability. Matthew also worked as a mentor coordinator for One-on-One Mentoring, a non-profit collaboration with

EDUCATION

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, J.D., May 2022

- *Chester Smith Scholar Scholarship*
- *CALI Excellence for the Future Award*
- *College of Law Dean's List*

University of Arizona, B.A., English and Law, cum laude, 2018

- *Wildcat Excellence Scholarship*

ADMISSIONS

- Arizona State Bar

PRACTICES

- Business Litigation
- Product Liability Defense
- Appellate Representation
- Estates and Trust Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Real Estate & Construction Litigation
- Restrictive Covenants, Confidentiality/Trade Secret, and Intellectual Property Rights
- Patent, Trademark, Copyright, and Trade Secret Litigation

local schools and the Department of Child Safety to provide mentors to children throughout Tucson.

He enjoys spending time with his wife and son, cycling, camping, photography, sketching, or reading works by his favorite authors.

- Appellate Representation
- Business Litigation
- Professional Malpractice
- Insurance Claims & Insurance Coverage Litigation
- Government Contracts