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EDUCATION:

The University of Mississippi, B.A.,
Political Science and Journalism

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Harrison and Jackson County Bar
Associations

Jackson County Young Lawyers
Association

Russell, Blass, Walker Chapter of
the American Inns of Court

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State of Mississippi

State of Alabama

United States District Courts for the
Northern and Southern Districts of
Mississippi

United States Fifth Circuit Court of
Appeals

Having tried cases throughout the state of Mississippi, Matt's practice is primarily focused in the areas of First and Third Party Insurance Defense, Trucking and Transportation, Employer's Liability, Professional Liability and Construction. Matt's aggressive mindset and well-reasoned approach to litigation has routinely produced favorable verdicts and results for clients. As a testament to these results, Matt serves as local counsel to some of the largest insurance carriers in the United States and abroad and is also often called on to represent his clients' interests in corporate acquisitions and other transactional matters.

A skilled negotiator and litigator, Matt is adept at quickly and efficiently evaluating claims to assist the client in deciding whether the matter should be resolved early or taken through trial. Serving on the firm's Emergency Response Team, Matt is no stranger to meeting the needs of his clients at all hours of the day or night. This commitment to 24/7, on-site emergency response allows Matt to immerse himself in the earliest stages of a claim, gathering details and witness reactions that help clients to anticipate the demands of the claim and position their defense. Understanding that the claim belongs to the client, not him, Matt actively engages and collaborates with his clients in all phases of the claim, ensuring that his clients' needs and wants are meaningfully addressed.

Matt joined the Gulfport office of Galloway Johnson after having already established his presence in Mississippi. A native of Pascagoula, Matt has remained a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Recognizing the need to give back to the community that has helped shape his career, Matthew has remained professionally and civically active. He is a member of the Harrison County and Jackson County Bar Associations; the Jackson County Young Lawyers Association and the Russell, Blass, Walker chapter of the American Inns of Court. In 2012, and again in 2014, he was honored with an appointment by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs to serve as Vice-President of the city's Economic Development Council. Additionally, Matt serves on the Board of Directors for the Back Bay Mission, a local non-profit aimed at eradicating poverty along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Trucking & Transportation
Construction
Property Insurance
Employer's Liability
Professional Liability

Products Liability
Bad Faith
Insurance Defense
Workers' Compensation
Amusements, Sports &
Recreation