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Matthew G. Petra is part of the firm's commercial practice group. He is board certified as an expert in real estate law by the Florida Bar. Matthew practices in the firm's real estate section, handling all aspects of a variety of real estate matters (e.g. acquisition, development, management, and disposition, etc.), including matters related to community associations. Matthew's practice also focuses on commercial lending; he primarily focuses on real estate based financing, but he also represents lenders with respect to asset-based lending and alternative financing arrangements. Furthermore, he represents tenants and landlords with respect to commercial leases.

Prior to joining ZKS, Matthew's practice focused on community associations, representing developers of community associations, as well as post-turnover, community associations. He was also heavily engaged in civil litigation, both state and Federal, having litigated cases throughout the state of Florida. His background in litigation also included alternative dispute resolution.

Matthew received his Juris Doctorate at Indiana University, Maurer School of Law, where he was a research fellow and a member of Moot Court, the Elmore Entrepreneurship Law Clinic, and Student Legal Services. Matthew received his undergraduate from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance, Real Estate. He also received his Master of Business Administration with a major in Corporate Innovation and minors in Marketing and Finance from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business.

Matthew has received the designation of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch by The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup> publication and named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine. These peer-reviewed awards recognize attorneys who are earlier in their careers for professional excellence in their field.

Matthew is a dual citizen of the United States and the Czech Republic.

### **Practice Areas:**

Real Estate  
Banking, Lending, and Structured Finance  
Corporate  
Affordable Housing

### **Education:**

J.D. Indiana University  
M.B.A. Indiana University  
B.A. Indiana University

### **Affiliations:**

The Florida Bar  
The Indiana Bar  
Board Certified in Real Estate Law, Florida Bar  
Alumni, Culver Military Academy  
Past Adjunct Faculty, Florida Gulf Coast University,  
Lutgert College of Business  
Past Member, Lee County Executive Regulatory  
Oversight Committee  
Past Member, Fort Myers Planning Board  
Past BBB Arbitrator  
Past Florida Realtors Instructor  
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