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## Matthew Lerner Named a 2020 Lexpert Rising Star

This prestigious honour celebrates leading lawyers under the age of 40 who have an outstanding track record of success and have demonstrated exemplary leadership at their firm and in the community. Matthew is a deserving winner.

*"Matt is a rare talent who combines a will to win, a fine legal mind, and a commitment to collegiality and professionalism. He approaches every day as an opportunity to learn and to develop his skills as a trial lawyer. He has an extraordinary range and is at ease in commercial litigation, complex insolvency cases, and medical negligence cases,"* says Managing Partner, Tom Curry. *"Matt has a unique ability to quickly grasp the complexities of a case and to understand how they fit into the broader context of a client's business problem. This is where he adds tremendous value – he has a pragmatic approach that clients appreciate."*

Matthew's exceptional advocacy and client service is also widely recognized by his clients and peers. They had this to say about him:

*"Matt has brought a new level of excellence to the profession. His legal expertise combined with business knowledge, personality and an absolute commitment to success separates him from his competition."*

*"Matt wasted no time in diving into all [our] files with what we now know is his usual speed and efficiency, understanding the business considerations and then setting out for each file a clear path to move forward to successful resolution."*

*"Matt's strategic approach, and his forthright communications style, reflect a sophistication beyond his years of practice."*

As well as being a star litigator and trusted advisor to clients and colleagues, Matt makes significant contributions to the legal and broader community, particularly as Chair of the annual Lenczner Slaght Moot in Legal Ethics and Professionalism at Western Law. Over the years, Matt has provided competitors with forthright and extremely valuable feedback to improve their oral advocacy. His efforts have benefited hundreds of students over the past decade and inspired many to become litigators.

Congratulations, Matt, on this well-deserved recognition!