

As Deputy District Attorney, Matthew Torbenson oversees the domestic violence unit, the sensitive crimes unit, the child protection and advocacy unit, and the Chapter 980 (sexually violent persons) unit within the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Matthew also directly handles child homicides and complex child maltreatment cases.

Prior to becoming a Deputy District Attorney, Matthew Torbenson served as the first team captain of the Child Protection & Advocacy Unit (CPAU). District Attorney John Chisholm formed the Child Protection & Advocacy Unit in 2008 to provide a greater focus on the protection of child victims and to hold those who abuse or neglect children to a higher level of accountability. District Attorney Chisholm chose Matthew Torbenson to lead this initiative.

Matthew has extensive training and experience in prosecuting complex child abuse and child neglect matters, with specialization in child homicides as a result of abuse or neglect, abusive head trauma (formerly shaken baby syndrome), child torture cases, inflicted burn injuries, medical child abuse, and child neglect. Matthew has prosecuted over 80 child homicide prosecutions, and has directly handled over 70 abusive head trauma prosecutions. Additionally, Matthew consults statewide, nationally, and internationally on abusive head trauma prosecutions.

Among Matthew's accomplishments in abusive head trauma prosecutions, Matthew handled the prosecution of *State v. David Allen*, a two week jury trial involving six defense experts, *State v. Ronald Schroeder (aka "Silly the Clown")*, a 30-year-old abusive head trauma cold case, and most recently handled a jury trial involving an off-duty police detective who committed abusive head trauma in *State v. Martinese McDaniel*.

In addition to his expertise in child maltreatment, in 2011 Matthew successfully negotiated the first ever return of a child who was abducted by a parent to Japan. In 2015 Matthew partnered with the US Attorney's Office to negotiate the safe return of a child who was abducted by her mother to Mexico.

Prior to serving as the team captain of CPAU, Matthew served as the team captain of the juvenile sensitive crimes unit for five years, where Matthew successfully prosecuted a number of complex cases, including gang sexual assaults and one of the first widespread "sexstortion" cases in Wisconsin's history.

Matthew also is an adjunct law school professor for Marquette University Law School, where he is the head of the Prosecution Clinic Program/

Matthew grew up in the City of Milwaukee, attending Milwaukee Public Schools. In 2001 Matthew graduated from Marquette University with a triple major in history, social philosophy, and criminology. In 2004 Matthew graduated from Marquette Law School and was hired by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office by then District Attorney E. Michael McCann.