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Services

Commercial / Corporate Litigation, Insurance, Insurance Litigation & Coverage, Non-Compete & Trade Secrets, Labor & Employment, Employment Litigation, Wage & Hour, Workers' Compensation, Personal Injury, Product Liability,

Brian practices in the firm's Labor & Employment and Torts, Trial & Insurance sections where he concentrates on labor and employment disputes, complex commercial disputes, and trial work in bad-faith insurance defense and workers' compensation cases.

Brian has served as counsel to publicly-traded companies in numerous contractual disputes involving the successful defense of claims concerning procurement of breach, violations of non-competition agreements, and the unauthorized use of trade secrets. Brian has also successfully defended major medical device manufacturers in product liability actions, and insurance companies in actions alleging bad faith, in addition to claims concerning complex third-party coverage issues.

Brian was awarded a Rotary Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship, which allowed him to continue his studies at the University of Edinburgh where he received his Masters of Science in History. Finally, he attended the University of Michigan Law School where he received his Juris Doctor.

Brian has taught Conflict of Laws at the Nashville School of Law since 2017. In addition, Brian is a frequent lecturer on trial practice and labor and employment law issues.

When not in the office, Brian and his family explore the outdoors. In 2001, he completed a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail, and in 2009 he and his wife summited Mount Kilimanjaro. Additionally, Brian is very active within his community.

Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School
M.Sc., History, University of Edinburgh
B.A., Birmingham-Southern College

Licensed In

Kentucky, Tennessee

Admitted In

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Tennessee
U.S. District Court – Middle District of Tennessee
U.S. District Court – Western District of Tennessee
U.S. District Court – Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court – Eastern District of Kentucky
U.S. District Court – Western District of Kentucky
U.S. District Court – Southern District of Illinois

Honors & Awards

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation (2016-2021)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation (2018-2020), "Rising Star," Business Litigation (2012-2016)
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (2017)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent© Peer Review Rating

Professional Associations

American Bar Association
Nashville Bar Association
Tennessee Bar Association
Kentucky Bar Association
Defense Research Institute

Community Involvement

Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Friends of Shelby Park and Bottoms, Board of Directors
Rotary Club of Nashville
Nashville Emerging Leaders, Class of 2014
Tennessee Bar Association, Leadership Law, Class of 2011
Young Leaders' Council, Class 50
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