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Profile

Brian represents clients in complex business and commercial litigation in federal and state courts as well as in arbitration.

He also represents clients in the banking, communications, construction, insurance and securities industries and also regularly represents governmental and educational institutions. Brian handles a variety of matters for clients including contract disputes, securities fraud litigation, intellectual property claims, employment discrimination claims, litigation relating to non-compete agreements and unfair competition, claims under ERISA, insurance coverage disputes and construction disputes. He represents clients in a variety of contexts in bankruptcy adversary proceedings. Brian also frequently conducts arbitrations before FINRA, the American Arbitration Association and JAMS.

Brian is the managing member of the Syracuse office and also chairs the firm's litigation department, which includes more than 60 attorneys located throughout the firm's eight offices in New York State and its Naples, Florida office. The department's deep bench of litigation attorneys prepares each case for a successful resolution regardless of whether it is tried to a verdict before a jury or judge, won on a dispositive motion, arbitrated or mediated.

Prior to joining the firm, Brian clerked for the Hon. Frederick J. Scullin, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

Honors & Affiliations

Education

- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D. 1996)
- Syracuse University (B.A. 1991)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Practices

- Litigation
- Securities
- School Law
- Class and Collective Action Litigation

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021, Commercial Litigation
 - *New York Super Lawyers 2020*®, Business Litigation (listed for more than 10 years)
 - *Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Rated
- New York State Bar Association, Past Member Executive Committee, Trial Lawyers Section; Federal and Commercial Litigation Section
- Onondaga County Bar Association, Past Member, Board of Directors
- Trustee Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association and CLE Co-Chair
- Mediator, ADR Mandatory Mediation Program, Northern District of New York

Representative Presentations

- Basic Lessons on Ethics & Civility CLE, New York State Bar Association, 2018
- Remedies and Damages in Commercial Litigation CLE, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, 2017
- Representing Your Client in the Northern District of New York CLE, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, 2015
- Bond, Schoeneck & King's In-House Counsel CLE Series: Defensibly Downsizing Your Data, February 27, 2014

Representative Publications

- Brian J. Butler, Suzanne M. Messer and Clifford G. Tsan, "E-Discovery and Information Management - Can Clicking "Like" Make or Break a Lawsuit?," *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, April 2016

Other Activities

- Trustee, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association
- Co-Chair, CLE Committee, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association