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BIO

Brian is a litigator and trial lawyer with more than a decade of experience guiding companies and individuals through business and governmental disputes. His practice includes both commercial and administrative litigation.

On the commercial side, Brian has successfully represented companies of all sizes in business and employment disputes in state and federal courts. He is especially adept at litigating internal company disputes involving partnerships and limited liability companies. Brian has extensive experience navigating the complex web of jurisdictions in the D.C. Metropolitan Area, which includes numerous federal and state courts in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

On the administrative side, Brian has litigated several precedent-setting cases involving federal tax credits and other governmental programs, including Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs), renewable energy Production Tax Credits (PTCs) and Investment Tax Credits (ITCs), and affordable housing programs run by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development office (USDA RD). Brian also litigates civil claims against the federal government in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Brian is a former U.S. Marine Corps officer and a veteran of the second Iraq War. He has provided pro bono representation to military veterans and veteran-serving organizations throughout his legal career.

Brian earned his law degree from the Columbia University School of Law. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and American Studies from Cornell University and master's degrees in International Relations and Communication from the University of Oklahoma. Originally from New Jersey, Brian is a proud member of the South Plainfield High School Hall of Fame.

ADMITTED IN MD, VA & DC

SIGNIFICANT CASES:

- Obtained dismissal with prejudice of defamation case against newspaper reporter in Maryland Circuit Court.
- Obtained emergency temporary restraining order in trademark infringement case in the Eastern District of Virginia against prominent publisher.
- Obtained successful summary judgment dismissal of a \$1 million claim in United States District Court for the District of Maryland.
- Obtained successful trial verdict in litigation to prevent general partner's unlawful appropriation of limited partnership interests in \$8 million multi-family housing property in Richmond, Virginia.
- Obtained successful trial verdict for installer of rooftop solar panels on government claims to recapture grant payments in lieu of energy tax credits under Section 1603 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Tax Act of 2009 (ARRA).
- Obtained dismissal of owner of Florida multifamily housing property in litigation brought by multiple tenants alleging violation of Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and other claims in connection with removal by U.S. Department of Agriculture (DOA) of rent restrictions under Section 515 of Housing Act of 1949.
- Obtained dismissal of multiple claims against title company in case brought by condominium purchaser under D.C. Consumer Protection Procedures Act (CPPA) and D.C. Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA).