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BRIAN REPRESENTS BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS IN HIGH-STAKES CIVIL DISPUTES ACROSS A WIDE ARRAY OF INDUSTRIES WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN ALL STAGES OF LITIGATION.

Brian's practice focuses on the representation of businesses and individuals in high-stakes civil disputes, with an emphasis on litigation and arbitration in the areas of real estate, financial services, partnerships, trusts and estates, and intellectual property. He has litigated, arbitrated, and mediated cases involving banking (workouts, foreclosures, "lender liability," and other aspects of loan enforcement and collection), real estate (developer disputes, landlord/tenant litigation involving retail, office, industrial, and health-care related properties, construction defects, broker commission disputes, boundary disputes, and adverse possession), partnerships and family-owned businesses (issues involving company control, buyouts, and valuation), real estate finance (default resolution, servicing and lien priority, trust disputes, and guardianships), employment law (trade secrets, non-compete litigation, and non-disclosure agreements), intellectual property (prosecution and defense of cases involving trade secrets, trademarks, copyrights, and patents) and other matters involving various contract and business tort claims.

In addition, Brian regularly advises businesses and individuals on pre-litigation risk assessment, risk management, and risk avoidance. He also has the unique distinction of having represented multiple major universities in connection with athletic conference realignment.

Brian currently serves as co-chair of the Securities and Financial Services Litigation practice group and previously served as the head of Dorsey's Trial Group for the Dallas office.

Select Experience

Education

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (J.D., 2005)
 - Articles Editor, *SMU Law Review Association*, SMU Board of Advocates, William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court
- University of Texas at Austin (B.A., History, 2001)
 - Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, President

Bar Admissions

- Texas

- Representation of individuals and companies in commercial and business litigation across a wide array of industries. He has handled cases involving a variety of contract and business tort claims, such as breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference, negligence, malpractice, defamation, conversion, civil RICO violations, antitrust, conspiracy, and other legal theories.
- Regular representation of financial institutions, including banks, mortgage companies, servicers, and other lenders, in all aspects of loan enforcement and collection, including workouts, real property foreclosures, personal property foreclosures, suits on notes, suits on guaranties, and various other contract, tort, and statutory claims. He has also defended numerous financial institutions against “lender liability” counterclaims.
- Fiduciary litigation involving everything from modest trusts and estates to multi-million dollar trusts and estates, including representation of bank trust departments and private and corporate trustees, suits by beneficiaries, trustee removal actions, will contests, guardianships, trust modifications, claims against estates, and other types of probate litigation.
- Landlord-tenant litigation on both sides of the docket involving retail, office, industrial, and health-care related properties, including forcible detainer actions (i.e., evictions) and other cases involving nonpayment of rent, abandonment of premises, abandonment of personal property, trespass, and other legal theories.

Court Admissions

- Northern District of Texas
- Eastern District of Texas
- Southern District of Texas

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Area Young Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Leadership Dallas, Dallas Regional Chamber, 2013

Accolades

- Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2010-2017
- 40 Under 40, *Dallas Business Journal*, 2013

Insights

February 23, 2022

NRA Wants Dorsey & Whitney DQ'd From Ad Agency Suit

September 29, 2017

Dorsey & Whitney Lands First Two Litigators in Dallas Office

September 29, 2017

Dorsey's New Dallas Office Welcomes Winstead Laterals

September 27, 2107

Experienced Trial Lawyers Join Dorsey & Whitney