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Brian advises clients on business, venture and financing transactions while spending significant time working with startup and early-stage companies. He draws on his background in finance and management, his experience as a successful real estate entrepreneur and his time spent in operational management for 1871, Chicago's leading tech startup ecosystem. Brian also counsels clients with respect to mergers, acquisitions, corporate restructuring, asset dispositions, private equity buyouts and other corporate and strategic transactions across a range of industries. He has worked with both public and private company clients, advising them on acquisition, financing, acquihire and sale transactions.

“After founding my own business and helping dozens of startups launch their enterprises, I understand that every successful initiative involves complex, interrelated legal, financial and marketplace issues. I help clients identify their specific goals, understand the broader landscape and take effective action that achieves results.”

While in law school, Brian served as a law clerk at Much, helping incorporate more than 30 companies and assisting with nearly a dozen early-stage financings before graduating law school. He also served as an operations manager and startup consultant for 1871, where he managed the operational and financial functions of the center, researched legal issues of importance to new and emerging businesses and reviewed legal documents such as operating agreements, contract and proposals. Since law school, Brian has supported many companies in startup, financing and exit transactions. Brian worked as a licensed real estate broker and property manager for several development and investment companies prior to attending law school.

Brian previously served as a co-chair of the Much Associates Committee.

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law

J.D., 2014

Illinois State University

B.A., 2007

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Community

Brian serves on the associates' board of Chicago's Legal Prep Charter Academy, a legal-themed college preparatory high school for students on Chicago's west side. He is also a regular volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago.

Accolades

- Evening Achievement Scholarship, Chicago-Kent College of Law

Services

Business & Finance

Startups & Venture Capital

Areas of Focus

Startups & Emerging Growth Companies

Private Investors

Public-Company Strategic Investors

Later-Stage Operating Companies

Real Estate Purchases & Sales

Blockchain Technologies

Cannabis Law