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#### **Practice Areas**

Antitrust

Contract/Commercial

Financial Services

Government Investigations, White Collar & Compliance

Insurance & Reinsurance

Labor & Employment Litigation

Unfair Competition & Trade Secrets

#### **Admissions**

Illinois

Washington, D.C.

Wisconsin

#### **Education**

Juris Doctor, University of Wisconsin Law School, *cum laude* 

Bachelor of Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison



Brian Spahn's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, corporate compliance and internal investigations. He helps businesses and organizations resolve disputes, often leading investigations that are necessary to gather facts and address issues before efficiently reaching a resolution. Brian has assisted clients through both complex litigation as well as government enforcement actions. His experience is not limited to one subject area or issue. He has handled banking and financial services litigation, antitrust, insurance, employment and trade secret misappropriation matters.

Brian's work includes successfully defending against a multimillion dollar trade secret misappropriation case, a breach of contract claim brought against members of a failed investment vehicle, fraudulent transfer claims related to loans allegedly involved in a Ponzi scheme, and a wrongful termination Title VII case.

Additionally, a significant part of Brian's practice focuses on government investigations and corporate compliance issues. He routinely advises clients with respect to compliance policies including anti-bribery and corruption policies, supplier codes of conduct, and protocols for addressing and responding to government subpoenas and civil investigative demands.

Brian has been involved in numerous internal investigations working for municipalities, nonprofit organizations and corporate boards of directors and audit committees on issues ranging from employment matters to securities and corporate governance issues. In representing corporate clients, Brian has worked with federal and state law enforcement when appropriate on fraud and trade secret misappropriation cases.

Before joining the firm in 2011, Brian practiced law for more than three years in Washington, D.C. He is licensed in Wisconsin, Illinois and Washington, D.C. He also has a significant background working in Wisconsin government and politics. Prior to law school, Brian worked for U.S. Senator Herb Kohl where he oversaw federal appropriation and grant requests, handled constituent services and managed Senator Kohl's district schedule.

#### **Court Admissions**

United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois
United States District Court, District of Columbia
United States District Court, District of Maryland
United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

## **Professional Association Memberships**

State Bar of Illinois
District of Columbia Bar Association



### **Activities**

Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation – Board Member Milwaukee Riverkeeper – Board of Directors Shorewood Alumni Association – President

#### **Honors**

Recognized as a Wisconsin Rising Star (2015 - 2016)