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PARTNER

Brian is a partner in the corporate group in the Cincinnati office and represents private equity firms and their portfolio companies, public companies, startups, and other entities and entrepreneurs in a broad range of industries in all aspects of the corporate lifecycle, including mergers and acquisitions, entity selection and formation, restructurings, joint ventures, capital raises, and general corporate matters.

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Practice Areas

Business Organizational Matters,
Including Entity Selection and
Capital Structure

Corporate and Business
Organizations

Corporate Governance

Mergers and Acquisitions

Securities Law Compliance

Education

Vanderbilt University Law School,
J.D., 2017

Law & Business Certificate

Vanderbilt Law Review, Notes
Editor, note published

University of Louisville, B.S.B.A,
Highest Honors, 2014

Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

Admitted to practice law only in

Representative transactions include:

- Representing Bob Evans Restaurants in its sale by Golden Gate Capital to 4x4 Capital.
- Representing Worthington Enterprises in its acquisition of metal roof components manufacturer, LSI Group, for \$205 million
- Representing multiple New York based private equity funds in various portfolio company investments throughout the United States
- Representing NASDAQ-listed Air Transport Services Group, Inc. in connection with its acquisition of Omni Air International for \$845 million
- Representing Boone County Distillery in its joint venture with Coup de Foudre LLC to produce Steph Curry's "Gentleman's Cut" Bourbon
- Representing Jones Fish Hatcheries & Distributors in its acquisitions of Aqua Services, Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource and Advanced Technical Aquatic Control
- Representing First Financial Bancorp. in its \$110 million acquisition of Bannockburn Global Forex, LLC
- Representing the Sherwin-Williams Company in its acquisition of Tennant Coatings, a national cleaning equipment and coatings systems manufacturer
- Representing the Sherwin-Williams Company in its acquisition of Randolph Products, a manufacturer of military specification and general industrial products

the states listed above.

Industries

Private Equity

- Representing Tailored Brands, Inc., and its subsidiary, The Men's Wearhouse, Inc., in the sale of its corporate apparel business to a group led by the existing U.K. corporate apparel executive team
- Represented Civista Bancshares, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Civista Bank, in the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Vision Financial Group, Inc., a privately-held, independent, full-service equipment leasing and financing company headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Representing NASDAQ-listed Air Transport Services Group, Inc. in connection with its acquisition of PEMCO World Air Services, Inc.
- Representing a national industrial coatings manufacturer in a \$50.1 million leveraged dividend recapitalization
- Representing American Savings Bank in its merger with Valley Central Bank
- Representing ASB Financial Corp. in its sale to Peoples Bancorp Inc.
- Representing Home City Financial Corporation in its sale to Richwood Bancshares, Inc.
- Representing a national fraternal organization in the restructuring of the corporate governance structure of various business entities throughout the country

Brian received his J.D. and Law & Business Certificate from Vanderbilt University Law School, where he was a notes editor for the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. He received his B.S.B.A. in Finance and Economics with highest honors from the University of Louisville.

Honors & Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Corporate Law, 2023–2026; Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023–2026

Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Business & Corporate, 2023–2026

Professional and Community Activities

Cincinnati Association for Corporate Growth, Member

Young Professionals of ACG, Board Member, 2025