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When a client encounters a problem, out-of-the-box advice doesn't cut it. I work to craft creative and efficient solutions that take my client's goals to heart. Every case gets my thorough attention. That helps me plot effective—and often innovative—strategies and arguments that achieve the best results for my client.

Brent Rubin advocates for individuals, businesses, and government entities in litigation at the trial and appellate levels. Brent's practice encompasses complex business disputes, including non-compete/non-solicitation issues, insurance coverage, and real estate and construction matters. He also handles government law matters for both public and private clients, including land use and zoning, open government, and immunity issues.

Brent represents both plaintiffs and defendants in claims of breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, fraud, and tortious interference. He represents clients as first-chair trial counsel and presents oral argument on appeal. He has also drafted, argued, and won dispositive motions in both state and federal court and has substantial experience with motions to dismiss under the Texas Citizens Participation Act, Texas's anti-SLAPP statute. Additionally, Brent assists the firm's clients with immigration issues, focusing on business immigration.

A highly effective communicator, Brent uses his writing and oral advocacy skills to advance his clients' interests. He has a particular fondness for appellate work and enjoys taking on thorny and weighty legal issues and carefully navigating them to persuade courts. Before joining the firm, Brent gained valuable experience while clerking for the Honorable Priscilla R. Owen on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Brent relishes the opportunity to try cases. His calm, steady presence and thoughtful manner serve his clients well in the courtroom.

As a Dallas native, Brent is committed to serving his community. He serves as the Chair of the Dallas City Plan Commission as the mayor's appointee, where he weighs in on essential land use issues and helps visualize the city's future. As a member of the Plan Commission, he served the chair of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee from 2022-2024, which spearheaded the rewrite of the ForwardDallas Comprehensive Plan.

OUTSIDE OF WORK

Brent enjoys spending time with his wife, trying new restaurants, and traveling. He also likes to explore local trails on his bike.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Employment
- Litigation, Disputes, Appeals
- Real Estate, Construction, Infrastructure

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Prevailed in bankruptcy court trial on plaintiff's malicious prosecution claim, with court issuing findings of fact that client was innocent of offenses of which he was falsely accused and arrested.
- Obtained affirmance from Texas Court of Appeals of an order awarding a court-appointed receiver fees of less than 2% of the amount receiver had requested.
- Won motion and renewed motion to dismiss federal Defend Trade Secrets Act claims against clients by former employer, with court granting renewed motion with prejudice.
- Obtained affirmance of seven-figure damages award from Texas Court of Appeals addressing challenges to liability and expert testimony.
- Advised North Texas municipality on the rewrite of its development code.
- Obtained writ of mandamus in Texas Court of Appeals vacating trial court order requiring production of privileged documents.
- Obtained writ of mandamus ordering trial court to transfer claims against clients to correct venue, after plaintiff attempted to circumvent prior venue rulings favorable to clients.
- Represented municipality in successful negotiations with housing authority to share fees paid by developer.
- Obtained dismissal of slander of title claim against client through anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.
- Advised North Texas municipality on amendments to development code to comply with Fair housing Act
- Obtained affirmance of dismissal of employment-related claims against North Texas municipality based on governmental immunity.
- Successfully appealed pro bono client's decree of divorce because trial court deviated from mediated settlement agreement, with Texas Court of Appeals rendering modified judgment in client's favor.
- Defeated anti-SLAPP motion seeking to dismiss client's malicious prosecution claim and obtained monetary sanctions against defendant for filing frivolous motion.
- Obtained affirmance from Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals of order compelling arbitration in employment dispute.
- Obtained a jury verdict and permanent injunction in clients' favor enforcing deed restrictions, as well as a six-figure attorneys' fees award in full amount requested from court.
- Obtained dismissal of slander of title claim against client through anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.
- Successfully appealed pro bono client's decree of divorce because trial court deviated from mediated settlement agreement, with court of appeals rendering modified judgment in client's favor.
- Defeated anti-SLAPP motion seeking to dismiss client's malicious prosecution claim and obtained monetary sanctions against defendant for filing frivolous motion.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

- The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, J.D., highest honors, 2014; Vice-Chancellor, Order of the Coif; Notes Editor, *Texas Law Review*
- Washington University in St. Louis, A.B., with honors, 2009

Clerkships

- Honorable Priscilla R. Owen, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2014-15

Bar + Court Admissions

- Licensed in Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District, Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District, Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District, Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District, Texas

HONORS & AWARDS

- Texas Super Lawyers, Appellate, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, 2026
- Best Lawyers in Dallas, Appellate, *D Magazine*, 2025, 2026
- Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2024, 2025
- Leading Litigators in America, Appeals, Financial Services, *Lawdragon 500*, 2025
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Appellate Practice; Commercial Litigation, 2021-2023, 2025
- Up-and-Coming 100: Texas Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, 2023-2024
- Texas Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, 2019-2025

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Chair, Dallas City Plan Commission; Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee
- Executive Committee Member, Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas; Community Relations Committee
- Member, Dallas Bar Association; Memorial and Resolution Committee
- Member, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers; Judiciary Committee Co-Chair, 2018-19; Leadership Class Member, 2018-19
- Former Member of Board of Directors, Congregation Shearith Israel
- Associate, Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court, 2016-2017
- Member, Washington University Club of Dallas
- Former Board Member, Greenhill School Alumni Association

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author, "Restatement of Liability Insurance: What Does It Mean? Does It Matter?," *The Risk Report*, International Risk Management Institute, December 2018)
- Author, "Buchanan v. Warley and the Limits of Substantive Due Process as Antidiscrimination Law," 92. *Tex. L. Rev.* 477, 2013