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### Practice Areas

Administrative & Regulatory

Insurance & Reinsurance

Political Law

### Admissions

Illinois

Wisconsin

### Education

Juris Doctor, DePaul  
University – College of Law,  
2012

Bachelor of Arts, Political  
Science, University of  
Wisconsin – Madison, 2009



Zach Bemis is an administrative and regulatory attorney and a member of the firm's Insurance and Political Law practices. Zach's practice focuses on representing companies in regulated industries, including the insurance and alcohol beverage industries.

Prior to joining Godfrey & Kahn, Zach served as Chief Legal Counsel at the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance where he was responsible for providing legal counsel to the Commissioner's Unit and overseeing OCI's Legal Unit. At Godfrey & Kahn, Zach's practice focuses heavily on the insurance industry, and he provides regulatory services to insurance companies, agencies, and insurance trade associations. Zach maintains his knowledge of the industry and its issues through insurance-related activities, including regular attendance at NAIC meetings and participation in insurance trade associations.

In addition to insurance, Zach also works closely with the alcohol beverage and legal cannabis industries, including permit and licensing issues, distribution agreements, and regulatory issues involving the Department of Revenue and the Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection.

Zach has first-hand knowledge of the legislative, rulemaking and administrative processes of state government, and regularly assists clients across a variety of industries in navigating state regulations and state procurement opportunities. Before joining OCI, Zach spent five years working in the Wisconsin Legislature, including as chief of staff to the Assembly Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, legal counsel and policy advisor to the Speaker of the Assembly, and various positions in the State Senate. In the Assembly Co-Chair's office, he worked to guide the 2017-19 Wisconsin State Budget through the legislature and on the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse.

### Professional Associations

Federation of Regulatory Counsel  
State Law Resources, Inc.

### Activities

Wisconsin Leads: Executive Fellowship Program - Class of 2024

### Honors

Recognized by *Best Lawyers* "Ones to Watch" (Government Relations Practice, Insurance Law, 2024)