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Juris Doctor, DePaul University – College of Law, 2012

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Zach Bemis is an administrative and regulatory attorney and a member of the firm's Insurance and Political Law groups.

Prior to joining Godfrey and 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 OCI he helped develop and implement the agency's regulatory sandbox and led a cyber security working group. He assisted the Commissioner in drafting and issuing final orders and decisions, including review of proposed decisions, objections, and responses. Zach has first-hand knowledge of the rulemaking and administrative processes of state agencies.

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 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.

As legal counsel to the Speaker of the Assembly, Zach advised on compliance with Assembly Rules, state ethics laws, open records and public meeting law, and the administrative rules process. He was a lead staffer in the repeal and recreation of Chapter 11 of Wisconsin Statutes relating to campaign finance and the creation of the Ethics Commission and Elections Commission. Zach also has experience working in the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel.

While attending DePaul University College of Law, he worked in the regulatory affairs for an energy company, in the Office of Legal Counsel at the United States Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, and at a law firm representing public sector clients.

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