



## Brian C. Spahn

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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 is an experienced litigator who focuses on complex commercial litigation, media law, and government/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, internal investigations as well as government enforcement actions. In addition, Brian defends media companies and individual journalists in lawsuits alleging defamation and invasion of privacy. He also advises media clients in pre-publication reviews as well as open meetings and public records issues.

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, as well as successfully defending against many defamation claims brought against both state and national media outlets.

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.

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.

### 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

United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

### Professional Association Memberships

State Bar of Illinois

District of Columbia Bar Association

## Activities

Media Law Resource Center - Committee Co-Chair  
Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation – Board Member  
Milwaukee Riverkeeper – Former Board President  
Rotary Club of Milwaukee  
Shorewood Alumni Association – Former President

## Honors

Listed in *Wisconsin Law Journal's* Employment Law Power List (2024)  
Recognized as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2015 – 2016)