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Clients trust Brandan to handle their most complex litigation and arbitration matters. For all other legal needs, family offices and *Fortune* 500 companies rely on Brandan to curate multidisciplinary teams to ensure consideration of enterprisewide goals and risks.

OVERVIEW

Brandan heavily invests in understanding his clients' businesses, industry dynamics, and enterprisewide goals to understand what winning means for their specific situation, whether that's protecting company reputation, minimizing business disruption, achieving cost predictability, obtaining favorable verdicts at trial, or securing strategic resolutions that align with broader business objectives.

Brandan is an experienced litigator with a strong record in complex commercial disputes, including significant multidistrict litigation (MDL) and class action defense. He coordinates defense strategy across multiple state and federal jurisdictions, effectively managing a network of local counsel to maintain consistent litigation positions, cost efficiency, and centralized communication. As national counsel to a wholesale distributor in opioid litigation, Brandan navigates some of the most challenging, high-profile cases in both state and federal courts, while also navigating parallel governmental investigations and regulatory demands.

Brandan's family office clients value his discretion, judgment, and ability to handle their most sensitive issues regardless of nature or scope. He gains a holistic view of clients' family office holdings, operations, and priorities, drawing on firmwide experience and external subject-matter resources when needed — always aligning strategies with enterprisewide objectives without losing sight of the bigger picture.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Litigation

- National counsel for a distributor in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, 17-md-2804, and parallel state and federal actions across the U.S.
- Defended an energy broker against noncompete and breach of fiduciary duty claims in AAA Arbitration.
- Creditor-side bankruptcy representation in various matters pertaining to pharmaceutical companies and corporate dissolutions.
- Representation of a Big Four accounting firm in various litigation and discovery matters, including professional

malpractice allegations.

- Secured a defense verdict following a month-long jury trial concerning claims of equity entitlement in excess of \$30 million made by an investor pursuant to the attempted exercise of a convertible promissory note.
- Representation of national companies in contractual disputes concerning commercial and real estate matters.
- Proposed and implemented a statewide initiative and litigation plan to curtail frivolous garnishments against a national bank and defended numerous suits bringing allegations of improper garnishment procedures in furtherance of the same.
- Numerous representations of limited and general partners in disputes arising from partnership rights and obligations in a variety of contexts.
- Obtained the dismissal of a component manufacturer against catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims following an explosion during a blowdown procedure.

Family Office and Related Companies

Brandan's family office clients trust him to build teams to efficiently handle all of their legal needs requiring sophisticated outside counsel, including:

- Coordinating a team to assist family office and related operating companies with development of global privacy notice, global worker and applicant privacy notices, intragroup data transfer agreements, and consideration of issues pertaining to Data Protection Framework.
- Representing a family office and related operating companies in issues pertaining to their U.S. and global IP portfolio.
- Successfully leading a multijurisdictional litigation team to desired result, leading to insurance provider assuming defense and coverage of a matter representing the largest exposure of pending litigation against the global operating company of a family office.
- Coordinating a team of construction and real estate attorneys to negotiate and close on a downtown mixed-use development.
- Collaborating with subject-matter experts to provide clients with government contracting guidance in light of the family office and operating companies' ongoing business realities and goals.
- Representing a family office in resolution and closure of significant international investments in default.
- Collaborating with bankruptcy subject-matter experts to provide operating companies of a family office advice in creditor-side bankruptcy representation.
- Coordinating with subject-matter experts to provide family office and operating companies with international tax and employment advice.
- Coordinating with a multidisciplinary team to handle global financing needs of a family office and operating companies.

AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2022-2023)
- *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer (2023-2026) – independently rated lawyers
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas Rising Star, Civil Litigation: Defense (2025)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Class Action
- Litigation + Trial

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Class Action
- Government + Regulatory
- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- DFW chapter board member, Texas General Counsel Forum
- Completed 2025 Texas General Counsel Forum Leadership Institute
- Board member, Texas General Counsel Forum Dallas Chapter.
- President, Board of Trustees, PATH Intl (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship)
 - Member, finance committee
 - Former chair, governance committee
 - Former member, grievance review panel
 - Former member, bylaws subcommittee
- Member, American, Texas, Dallas, and Houston Bar Associations

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., *with honors*
- Austin College, B.A., *summa cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Gearing up for Privacy and Cybersecurity in 2021: Cyber Updates," Locke Lord, May 6, 2021.
- Speaker, "Legal Ethics and Client Advocacy in Civil Litigation: The Lawyer's Perspective," Dr. Kenneth Street Law Symposium, Legal Ethics and Client Advocacy in Civil and Criminal Litigation, February 28, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Developments in Energy Pipeline Security: TSA Directives, and Recommendations for Owners and Operators," Locke Lord QuickStudy, October 5, 2021.
- Co-author, "Beyond Borders: COVID-19 Highlights the Potential Widespread Impact of the Illinois Biometric

Information Privacy Act,” *Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Report*, September 2, 2020.

- Co-author, “Beyond Borders: COVID-19 Highlights the Potential Widespread Impact of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (‘BIPA’),” Locke Lord QuickStudy, May 20, 2020.