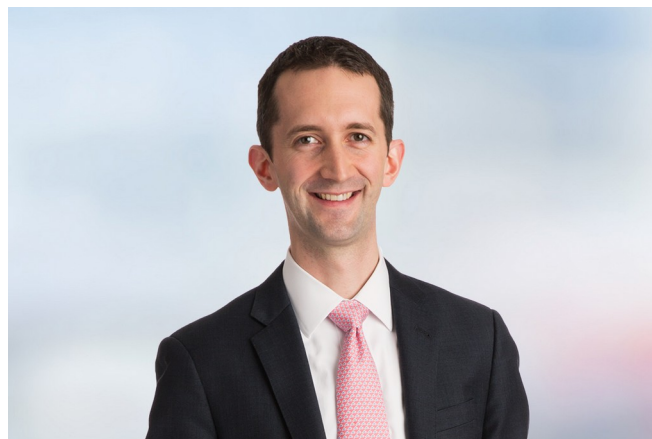


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Brian structures and negotiates mergers, acquisitions, and corporate transactions across healthcare, technology, industrials, manufacturing, consumer and agribusiness — turning complex deals into closed ones.

Brian advises companies at every stage of the deal cycle, from initial structuring through signing and close, with a practice centered on mergers and acquisitions (M&A) across some of the economy's most dynamic sectors. Whether a client is acquiring a competitor, divesting a business unit, or raising growth equity, Brian brings the same disciplined, finance-informed approach to getting transactions done.

Brian's M&A work spans a wide range of deal types and industries. In healthcare and life sciences, he has advised on transactions involving medical device manufacturers, biotechnology and diagnostics companies, and administrative businesses for physician practice groups. In technology, he has counseled founder-backed companies through their first strategic equity financings or sales and has counseled strategic clients through acquisitions of software and proprietary technology businesses. In food, beverage, and agribusiness, he has represented buyers and sellers in transactions involving grocery chains, agricultural suppliers, and food industry distributors.

Beyond M&A, Brian advises clients and their boards of directors on corporate governance, securities regulation, and fiduciary duty matters — advising on the legal framework behind a company's most critical business decision.

Private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies are a consistent part of Brian's practice. He has represented both sponsors and portfolio companies on acquisitions, add-ons, and growth financings, as well as ongoing portfolio company legal work through serving as an outside general counsel to a number of portfolio companies.

Before law school, Brian worked as a financial analyst and internal auditor at General Electric, conducting financial and compliance audits of industrial and capital businesses

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2013)
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Order of the Coif
 - Lead Articles Editor, Volume 97, *Minnesota Law Review*
- University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.B.A., Finance, Investment, and Banking; Physics, 2007)

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

both domestically and internationally. That background in financial analysis and operational due diligence shapes how Brian approaches deals — with an eye toward the numbers, not just the documents.

Select Experience

- Advised CPI Card Group Inc. in its acquisition of Arroweye Solutions.
- Advised Novanta in its acquisition of Motion Solutions.
- Advised KUIU, LLC in its sale to a private investor group.
- Advised FrieslandCampina on its acquisition of Wisconsin Whey Protein.

Professional Affiliations

- Board Member, Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), 2017 – 2024;
Board President 2020-2024

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, Minnesota, 2024-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024, 2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Star," 2018-2025
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2014

Insights

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2025 Delaware Entity Statutory Amendments

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January 10, 2020

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