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Bret is Managing Partner of the Minneapolis office and serves on the firm's Executive Committee. He is a member of the firm's Litigation and Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance practices.

Bret has significant experience handling securities litigation, derivative lawsuits, shareholder and partnership disputes, fiduciary duty and appraisal litigation, merger and acquisition litigation, corporate control challenges, and government and internal investigations on behalf of public and private corporations, corporate executives, boards of directors and special litigation committees.

Bret also represents companies and individuals in a wide variety of business and commercial disputes, including claims involving unfair competition, tortious interference, trade secret misappropriation and related business interference claims, indemnification claims and a wide variety of contractual disputes, including those involving financing, investments, employment, licensing, leasing, insurance and joint ventures.

### Services

- Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance
- Law Firm Defense & Risk Management
- Medical Technology
- Securities Industry
- Trade Secrets & Restrictive Covenants

### Representative Experience

- **Securities Fraud Litigation**  
Represented public and private companies, underwriters, boards of directors, corporate officers and private equity investors in federal and state securities litigation, including defense of injunctions, motions to dismiss, summary judgment and trial.
- **Shareholder and Corporate Disputes**  
Advised and represented companies, boards of directors, and board committees in disputes concerning corporate governance, corporate control, and transactions.

- **Business Torts**

Represented companies and corporate officers in connection with claims of business interference, unfair competition and related claims at all stages of litigation, including trial.

- **Lending and Finance Disputes**

Represented investors and lenders in disputes involving land and real estate development, corporate finance, and banking relationships.

## **Before Fox Rothschild**

Prior to joining Fox, Bret was a partner at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP and served as general counsel to the firm.

## **Beyond Fox Rothschild**

Bret participates in the Tubman Safety Project, which provides pro bono legal representation to low-income victims of domestic violence who are seeking orders of protection.

## **Bar Admissions**

- Minnesota

## **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

## **Education**

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, 2000)
- University of Kansas (B.A.)

## **Memberships**

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association

## **Board of Directors**

- Allina Health Courage Kenny Foundation

## **Honors & Awards**

- Named a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2003-2013)