



# **Brett A. Berman**

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Co-Chair of the firm's national Litigation Department, Brett is a proven trial attorney who represents businesses in a full range of complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts and arbitral venues throughout the United States.

Hard-nosed and pragmatic in his approach, Brett recognizes that the best, most efficient resolution to any dispute is often found outside the courtroom. A skillful negotiator, he is adept at reaching deals that advance his clients' business objectives. At trial, Brett is strategic and relentless in his pursuit of victory.

More than a litigator, Brett is a trusted legal adviser, leveraging his MBA and operational business knowledge to serve many clients as outside general counsel. He also provides borrowers, funders and attorneys with key insights into the rapidly evolving world of <u>litigation finance</u>, serving as a leader of the firm's efforts in this cutting-edge area.

Brett represents a broad array of businesses including banks, large international restaurant chains, finance companies and alternative lenders, construction and professional design firms, real estate developers and large commercial landlords, broker-dealers, taxi and transportation companies and manufacturers.

Clients trust Brett with high-stakes business litigation involving:

- Shareholder disputes
- Construction defects
- Breach of fiduciary duties
- Trade secrets and non-competes
- Intellectual property, including trademarks and copyrights
- Commercial loan defaults
- Contract disputes
- Real estate

In addition, Brett represents individuals in highly sensitive family law disputes, including custody-related matters, in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Brett also advises condemnees in all aspects of eminent domain proceedings and defends media entities in defamation/invasion of privacy lawsuits.

## **Select Representations**

Engineers and architects in litigation matters across multiple states

- Transportation providers in state and federal court and administrative proceedings
- Large real estate developers in a variety of construction/condominium matters
- A large costume jewelry company as outside general counsel
- The largest taxi operators in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago in various court and administrative proceedings
- A large accounting firm in litigation and other disputes
- A consulting firm in all legal matters
- A corporate housing company in litigation and corporate matters
- Multiple groups of condominium owners in several multimillion-dollar suits against developers and design professionals involving construction defects
- · Condemnees in obtaining multimillion-dollar verdicts
- · Banks in litigation involving multimillion-dollar loan defaults and commercial foreclosure actions
- · Regional media outlets in defamation and invasion of privacy lawsuits
- Shareholders and senior management in litigation involving large corporations and closely held businesses

### **Services**

- Litigation
- Eminent Domain/Condemnation
- Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance
- Financial Services Industry
- Valuation Law
- Real Estate Litigation
- · National Coordinating Counsel

## **Before Fox Rothschild**

A former legislative and government Fellow of the prestigious Eagleton Institute of Politics, Brett began his career at Fox as a summer associate in 2005 and clerked for the firm in 2006. In addition, Brett has held such positions as:

- A law clerk in the Subrogation and Recovery department of a large international law firm
- · A fellow for a United States Senator and an intern for a United States Congressman
- A fellow in the New Jersey General Assembly Majority Office
- A judicial intern for the Honorable Alan M. Vogelson, Presiding Chancery Judge of the New Jersey Superior Court, Camden County

## **Bar Admissions**

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- New York
- Illinois

### **Court Admissions**

- · U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

## **Education**

- Rutgers Law School (J.D., with honors)
- Rutgers University, Graduate School of Business, Camden (M.B.A., high honors)
- George Washington University (B.B.A., cum laude)

## **Memberships**

- · Pennsylvania Bar Association
- · Philadelphia Bar Association

## **Awards & Honors**

Selected to the "40 Under 40" list (2019)

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• Selected to the "40 & Under Hot List – Northeast" for general commercial litigation by Benchmark Litigation (2017-2020)

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- Selected to the "Future Stars" list in litigation by Benchmark Litigation (2018, 2024)

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- Selected to the "Lawyers on the Fast Track" list (2018)
   This award is conferred by The Legal Intelligencer. A description of the selection methodology is <u>available here</u>. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- Selected to the "Rising Stars" list in litigation (2016)

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- Selected to the "Super Lawyers: Rising Stars" list for business litigation in Pennsylvania (2012-2020)

  This award is conferred by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology is <u>available here</u>. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.
- · Recipient of the "Pro Bono Roll of Honor" award from the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
- Eagleton Institute of Politics Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellow (2005-2006)
- Eagleton Institute of Politics Harold & Reba Martin Government Fellow (2004-2005)