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BIOGRAPHY

Brent Vincent is BCLP's Chicago litigation coordinator with experience in resolving complex commercial disputes. He has a particular focus on resolving insurance coverage, environmental and condemnation matters. Brent has successfully litigated insurance coverage, CERCLA, toxic tort, condemnation, bond default and other commercial disputes in jurisdictions across the country for over twenty years. An integral part of Brent's practice is achieving favorable outcomes for clients through counseling and negotiation without engaging in protracted litigation. Brent's successful and efficient resolution of their most difficult disputes makes him a trusted advisor to his clients.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Chicago Bar Foundation – Board of Directors 2017-present; Advocacy Committee 2016 – present
- American Bar Association – Fellow 2018 - present
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation Organization – Advisory Board 2016 – present; President 2008-2009; Executive Board Member, 2007-2008; Vice President-Development, 2005-2007; Distinguished Volunteer Award, 2002
- Saint Andrews Parish - Volunteer, 2005-present; Capital Campaign Steering Committee, 2016-present; Parish Transformation Steering Committee, 2015-present; Golf Committee, 2007-present (Chair 2009)
- AYSO Region-418 - Board Member and Division Commissioner, 2012-present; Youth Soccer Coach, 2009-present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

COMMITTEE CONTENT

- Recruiting Committee

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 1999
- United States District Courts for the Central and Northern Districts of Illinois and the District of Nebraska

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, J.D., 1999

Washington and Lee University, B.A., 1994

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Real Estate
- Insurance
- Infrastructure
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Eminent Domain
- Real Estate Disputes
- Commercial Construction & Engineering
- Commercial Real Estate
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Insurance (Class Actions)
- Insurance Regulatory
- Insurance Insolvency & Receiverships
- InsureTech
- Reinsurance Transactions & Disputes
- Complex Coverage & Claims Disputes
- Insurance: Corporate & Transactional
- Captive Insurance

EXPERIENCE

- Insurance Coverage Litigation: Lead counsel in *Erie Insurance Exchange v. Imperial Marble Corp.*, 2011 IL App (3d) 100380, a nationwide case of first impression on whether air emissions permitted under a Title V permit fall within the absolute pollution exclusion.
- Bond Litigation: Representation of institutional bondholders in default litigation, including recovering past due sums, foreclosing on and disposing of collateral and negotiating restructuring of payment schedules.
- Environmental Cost Recovery: Representation of clients, including municipal entities, seeking recovery for environmental liabilities and remediation costs, including contribution, insurance coverage and pursuit of historical responsible parties.
- Toxic Tort/Class Action Defense: Defeated certification of a putative class action alleging air pollution and odor nuisance. Representation of clients in air and groundwater toxic tort suits.
- Insurance Counseling/Litigation: Representation of clients (insured and insurer) seeking counseling on coverage issues and representing clients in insurance coverage disputes.

- Eminent Domain: Representation of property owners, condemning authorities, tenants and lenders in litigation and negotiations related to the necessity and valuation of land takings.
- Superfund Defense: Representation of PRPs at Superfund Sites and in related litigation matters.
- Product Liability: Defended and prosecuted products liability actions for a major retailer related to a commercial fire.

RESOURCES

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Overcoming Hurdles to Insurance Recovery for Legacy Environmental Site Clean-ups,” Colorado Bar Association, December 18, 2018
- “Municipal Exceptions to CERCLA,” Oklahoma Brownfields Conference, September 27, 2018
- “How to Manage Environmental Risk in Business Transactions,” Environmental Law Institute, February 12, 2015
- “Pollution Wars: The Past, Present and Future of the Absolute Pollution Exclusion,” National Forum for Environmental & Toxic Tort Issues, October 20, 2014
- “An Overview of Environmental Liability of Lender,” Illinois State Bar Association, November 20, 2013
- “The Community Right to Know Amendments: A Property Owner Perspective,” Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals, Panel Moderator, March 9, 2006
- “Toxic Mold: Fact or Fiction,” Panelist, RealCom, June 4, 2003

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