



## **BRIAN A. SHER**

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Brian Sher is a litigator with a keen business sense. His nationwide litigation practice covers the full gamut of business and commercial litigation. Corporations especially depend on Brian when it comes to issues involving restrictive covenants. Whether it is claims of defamation, fraud or tortious interference, clients in the media, healthcare and technology industries appreciate his no-nonsense approach as they navigate their way through the litigation process - from depositions to appeals.

Brian's matter-of-fact style not only serves his clients well in litigation matters, but in all facets of their business. Using his gift of foresight and relentless desire to learn about their business goals and objectives, Brian has a knack for helping his clients avoid any pitfalls today that would impact their future success tomorrow. He relishes the opportunity to serve as a trusted business adviser, often in the role of outside general counsel, identifying legal needs and assembling the appropriate

talent to address those issues. Brian has helped numerous clients plan for and then effectuate the sale of their business. No wonder clients and colleagues alike consider Brian their legal Sherpa, deftly guiding them through potential dangers so they can achieve their ambitions.

The bottom line – **Brian is laser-focused on proactive problem solving for the long-term success of his clients.**

## CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation - First Amendment, 2023-2024
- National Champion, Craven Moot Court Competition
- Whittier Elementary School, an Oak Park School – Council Member, 1999-2003
- Oscar Mayer School – Council Member, 1991-1996

## ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 1987
- United States Courts of Appeals for the Federal, Fourth and Seventh Circuits

United States District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois, Southern District of Georgia, and Eastern District of Virginia

## EDUCATION

Duke University, J.D., *cum laude*, 1987

University of Michigan, B.A., with high honors, 1984

## RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Entertainment & Media
- Energy & Natural Resources
- M&A Disputes
- Non-Compete, Trade Secret & Employee Unfair Competition
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Disputes

- Media & First Amendment
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Healthcare & Life Sciences
- Business Speech
- Campus Free Expression
- Higher Education Team
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Fiduciary Disputes

## RESOURCES

### PUBLICATIONS

- "Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 68 – The Often Overlooked Defense Tool," Product Liability Law & Strategy, Spring 2004
- "Utilization of Boilerplate Contractual Definition Results in \$11 Million Judgment Against Bank for Breach of Warranty in Assignment Agreement After Underlying Loans Discovered to be Fraudulent," The Alert, Federal Bar Association, Vol. 4 No. 2, June 1999

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- In the Wake of Enron and Andersen: Corporate Ethics, Practices and Policies Revisited, May 15, 2002

## RELATED INSIGHTS

Awards

Aug 17, 2023

**The Best Lawyers in America® 2024**

Awards

Aug 18, 2022

**The Best Lawyers in America® 2023**

Insights

May 14, 2021

**COVID-19: Illinois Transitions to the “Bridge Phase” on May 14th**

