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Brian Murray is a first-chair trial and appellate lawyer with a nationwide practice. A former law clerk to Justice Antonin Scalia, he represents companies and individuals in complex commercial litigation, class actions and civil government enforcement and regulatory matters. In addition, Brian has briefed over a hundred appeals, and has personally argued over 30 of them — including cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, nearly every federal court of appeals, and a number of state supreme and intermediate appellate courts. Brian also served as Deputy to the Associate Attorney General for the United States Department of Justice. In this senior leadership office at the DOJ, Brian counseled Department and executive branch principals and helped formulate policies and strategies for investigating, litigating, and resolving civil regulatory and enforcement matters. Brian relies on his deep experience in guiding his clients through pressing legal challenges.

Brian is routinely called upon to present clients' most complex and business-critical matters to tribunals nationwide. Notable first-chair jury trial wins include a full defense verdict in a sprawling civil rights class action against the City of Chicago. Key appellate wins include a victory at the Supreme Court that changed the course of CERCLA law, and multiple wins in courts across the country for pharmaceutical companies combatting consumer fraud claims related to drug pricing. Other engagements over the last twenty years have included matters involving environmental, consumer fraud, RICO, antitrust, Title VII, the FAA, and other statutory and common-law claims; enforcement litigation involving the False Claims Act, environmental, and constitutional claims; and other complex civil matters.

Brian has taught Complex Litigation and Class Actions at the University of Chicago Law School for almost a decade. He is a member of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association, the Chicago-Lincoln and Robert Jones American Inns of Court, and the Illinois Appellate Lawyers' Association. His work has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, and on PBS's Chicago Tonight.

Practice Areas

- Appellate Law
- Litigation

Education

- University of Notre Dame (J.D., 2000) *summa cum laude*
- University of Notre Dame (B.S., 1997) *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- 2000 State of Illinois
- 2002 District of Columbia

Awards & Achievements

- Illinois Super Lawyers (2016 - 2018)
- John Paul Stevens Pro Bono & Public Service Award (2016), Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Chicago's 40 Under 40 (2014), Crain's Chicago Business
- Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2009 - 2015)
- Chicago's 40 Under 40 Rising Stars (2013), The National Law Journal
- 40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty To Watch (2013), The Chicago Lawyer and Chicago Daily Law Bulletin
- Human Rights Practitioner Award (2013), National Immigrant Justice Center
- Law Clerk to Justice Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court of the United States (October Term 2002)
- Law Clerk to Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (2001-2002)

Prior Work Experience

- U.S. Department of Justice - Deputy Associate Attorney General of the United States (2017-2018)
- Jones Day - Partner (2010 - 2017)
- Jones Day - Associate (2000 - 2001; 2003-2010)

Classes, Seminars & Presentations

- University of Chicago Lecturer in Law: Complex Litigation (2010-Present)