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Top Skills

Government Relations
Legislative Affairs
Congress

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)

Honors-Awards

Presidential Leadership Workshop,
Finalist
Senior Executive Service
ACC Breakthrough Performance
Award
Business Law Ambassador
Aspen Socrates Program, Aspen,
Colorado

Publications

Crowdfunding Intermediaries Under
the JOBS Act
Smothering Freedom of Association

Brian Castro

Lead Oversight Counsel
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Brian advises clients on investigations and compliance in the financial, tech, and procurement sectors. He is a former Congressional aide, federal law clerk, and prosecutor, and has practiced law for 20 years. He is admitted to practice law in Maryland, Washington, DC, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Previously Brian served as National Ombudsman in the Obama Administration, leading the federal Office of Regulatory Enforcement Fairness in assisting hundreds of startups, entrepreneurs, and small business owners in every industry and every state. Working with each federal agency that touches business – including FDA, IRS, OSHA, FTC, FCC, SBA, HHS, CPSC, CFPB, and DOD, among others – Brian and his team helped cut unnecessary red tape and resolve bureaucratic obstacles to innovation and growth.

Brian has served on various non-profit boards and commissions, including the ABA Presidential Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities, the ABA Presidential Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, the National LGBT Bar Association Board of Directors, the Standing Committee for Pro Bono Legal Services of the D.C. Circuit Judicial Conference, and the Capital Area Asset Builders Board of Directors.

A Maryland native, Brian earned his B.S. from Cornell University and his J.D. from Duke University.

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Experience

U.S. Department of Transportation
Lead Counsel for Oversight
May 2023 - Present (5 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
1 year 7 months
General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
October 2022 - May 2023 (8 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
April 2022 - October 2022 (7 months)
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations
November 2021 - April 2022 (6 months)
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

House Financial Services
Senior Counsel
2019 - November 2021 (2 years)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
Attorney
2018 - 2018 (less than a year)
Washington, District Of Columbia

FundPaaS
General Counsel
2016 - 2017 (1 year)

U.S. Small Business Administration
National Ombudsman
2013 - 2015 (2 years)

United States Senate
Economic Policy Fellow, Sen. Chris Coons
2012 - 2012 (less than a year)

Washington, DC

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
Senior Counsel, Department of Enforcement
2006 - 2010 (4 years)

Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP
Associate Attorney
2003 - 2006 (3 years)
Washington, DC

Education

Cornell University
Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Industrial & Labor Relations

Duke University School of Law
J.D., Law