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Practices

Intellectual Property
Litigation
Labor & Employment
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Product Liability
Securities & Shareholder
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Education

Vanderbilt University Law
School, J.D., 1973

Vanderbilt University, B.A.,
magna cum laude, 1970

Bar Admissions

Indiana, 1978
Wisconsin, 1973

Brian K. Burke | Partner, Chair Emeritus & General Counsel

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Professional Experience

Brian Burke's civil litigation practice concentrates in the areas of business torts and unfair competition, employment, intellectual property, securities and products liability. He has extensive experience in litigating cases involving employee noncompete covenants and alleged misappropriation of trade secrets or other business confidential information. Many of the cases Brian has handled have involved requests for injunctive relief. His employment litigation has included cases involving defamation, termination of employment and compensation disputes.

Brian is Baker & Daniels' Chair Emeritus, and he serves as the firm's General Counsel.

Certifications

Certified, Registered Civil Mediator in Indiana

Honors

The Best Lawyers in America — Commercial Litigation, 2003-11, and
Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2010-11

Indiana Super Lawyers — Employment & Labor, since its first
publication in 2004 to 2009 and 2011

Litigation Counsel of America — Fellow

Indiana Bar Foundation — Fellow

Indianapolis Bar Foundation — Distinguished Fellow

Indiana Lawyer — Distinguished Barrister Award, 2007

National Boy Scouts of America — Winthrop Rockefeller Award, 2007

Sagamore of the Wabash (Indiana's highest civilian honor) —
Presented by Governor Joseph Kernan, 2005, and Governor Mitch
Daniels, 2007

Boy Scouts of America, Crossroads of America Council — Silver
Beaver Award, 2003

Order of the Coif

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Eta Sigma

Vanderbilt Law Review

— Managing Editor, 1972-73

Civic Activities

Indianapolis City Market Corporation Board of Directors — Past
President

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Indiana, 1992

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 1978

U.S. Tax Court, 1985

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1982

U.S. Supreme Court 1976

U.S. Court of Military Appeals 1975

Languages

English

Service Academies Selection Committee for Senator Evan Bayh, 1999-2010

Service Academies Selection Committee for Congressman Andre Carson

Boy Scouts of America, Crossroads of America Council — Board of Directors and Executive Committee; Past President

Professional Associations

Indianapolis Bar Association — Litigation and Labor Law Sections, Legal Ethics and United Way Committees

Indiana State Bar Association

American Bar Association — Litigation-Business Torts Committee and Labor Law Sections

Lex Mundi — Board of Directors

Publications

"Leading Lawyers — On the Art & Science of Managing a Law Firm," *Inside the Minds: Firm Leadership*, Aspatore Books, 2003

"Litigating Minority Oppression/Excessive Compensation Cases," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, 1990

"Injunction Hearing," ICLEF, 1987

Presentations

"First 100 Days for the New Managing Partner," co-facilitator, *Managing Partner Magazine* Seminar, Chicago, August 2008 and August 2009

"First 100 Days for the New Managing Partner," co-facilitator, *Managing Partner Magazine* Seminar, San Francisco, January 2009

"Strategic and Effective Practice Group Planning," Ark's Practice Group Leadership Forum, Chicago, May 2008

"First 100 Days for the New Managing Partner," co-facilitator, *Managing Partner Magazine* Seminar, New York City, January 2008

"Cultivating the Client-Focused Firm Through Proactive Leadership at the Strategic Business Unit," Keynote Speaker, Practice Group Leadership Forum, *Managing Partner Magazine* Seminar, Chicago, 2007

"Ask the Client – A Program for Assessing Performance," Best Practices for Law Firm Management Conference, Miami, 2006

"Empowering the Firm's COO and CFO to Run the Business of the Firm Like a Business," The Law Firm Leadership Institute Conference, 2005

"Law Firm Governance," Lex Mundi Managing Partners' Conference, London, 2003

"Using Compensation Systems as a Management Tool," The Law Firm Partner Compensation Summit, Chicago, 2002

"Shareholder Disputes," Co-Chairman, Lorman Education Services, 1992

"Shareholder Disputes in Closely Held Corporations," ICLEF, 1990

"Injunctions," ICLEF, 1987

"Covenants Not to Compete," IBA Mini-Seminar, 1985

Management Experience

Brian completed his 18th year in a leadership position at Baker & Daniels in 2007. Elected to the Management Committee in 1990, the firm appointed him Managing Partner in January 1993. In his 15 years as Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Brian led Baker & Daniels' expansion geographically across Indiana and around the globe, as well as doubling the number of lawyers and consultants practicing from offices in Indiana, Washington, D.C. and China. B&D Consulting, a division of Baker & Daniels, also grew in numbers and services, providing a national multidisciplinary team of government affairs, health reimbursement, media and public relations professionals from its office in Washington, D.C.

In addition, Brian helped to conceive and implement initiatives to improve and expand service to clients, accommodate more flexible work schedules for the firm's attorneys, raise the firm's visibility in the markets that it serves, enhance the firm's support of the communities in which its offices are located and strategize for the future needs and interests of Baker & Daniels, B&D Consulting and their clients.