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Brian L. Watson

MEMBER

Brian Watson brings over twenty-five years of litigation experience in both federal and state courts, with a practice that spans complex commercial disputes, mass torts, product liability, and appellate advocacy. Immediately prior to joining Eckert Seamans, Brian served as the Career Law Clerk to the Honorable Nitza I. Quiñones Alejandro of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where he drafted countless judicial opinions and provided legal analysis on a wide range of civil and criminal matters. While with Judge Quiñones, Brian developed an expertise in evaluating and adjudicating civil litigation matters at each of the dispositive phases of litigation.

Brian's work has included representing Chapter 7 trustees in high-profile bankruptcy litigation arising from the sub-prime mortgage crisis, defending corporate clients in commercial litigation, toxic tort, product liability, and employment matters, and managing complex discovery and trial strategy. He also completed a secondment with a global business software provider, where he worked with in-house and outside counsel to develop and execute litigation strategy across a broad and diverse portfolio of complex litigation, in multiple areas, including business torts, contractual disputes, employment, and government investigations. In this unique role, Brian conducted early case assessments and provided preventative legal advice to avoid potential litigation and resolve disputes.

Brian has extensive experience mentoring junior attorneys and law clerks and has led training seminars for new clerks in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He also serves as an adjunct lecturer of law at both the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and Drexel University's Thomas R. Kline School of Law, where he teaches courses in legal writing and litigation drafting.

He began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Edwin M. Kosik of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Honorable Zoran Popovich of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Super Lawyers, Pennsylvania Rising Stars, 2006-2008 and 2010-2013
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) *Pro Bono* Award, 2008
- Pennsylvania Bar Association *Pro Bono* Award, 2006
- Morgan Lewis *Pro Bono* Award, 2003

PRACTICE AREAS:

Commercial Litigation

STATE ADMISSIONS:

Pennsylvania

Maryland

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

EDUCATION:

J.D., American University Washington College of Law, 1999; Member of the Administrative Law Review

B.A., Dickinson College, 1996