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Contract Disputes

Employment, Trade Secret & Non-
Compete Counseling & Litigation

Privately Owned Business Disputes

U.C.C. Sales Disputes

BAR ADMISSIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the Bar, State of Michigan

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

Federal Bar Association

Detroit Bar Association

Oakland County Bar Association

Notre Dame Club of Detroit, Lawyers
Subcommittee

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, B.A. in Political
Science, 2014

University of Notre Dame Law School,
J.D., 2018

Mr. O'Brien started his career with HHBJS in 2018 supporting the firm's practice in complex commercial litigation disputes. Amongst the clients he has represented have been software, auto supplier, and Fortune 500 companies in employment discrimination, non-compete agreement, trade secret, and contractual disputes. As a second year associate, Mr. O'Brien has also managed cases from inception to resolution to the clients' satisfaction.

EXPERIENCE

Mr. O'Brien has broad experience in a variety of civil litigation and business disputes. He has worked on cases during all stages of litigation in state and federal courts as well in alternative dispute resolution. Mr. O'Brien has guided clients through the discovery process in complex litigation matters efficiently from investigation to the production of documents. In addition, he has drafted numerous pre- and post-trial pleadings as well as argued dispositive motions in court.

Before joining HHBJS, Mr. O'Brien interned for Federal District Judge Gerald E. Rosen in the Eastern District of Michigan during the Summer of 2016. During his time in Judge Rosen's chambers, he analyzed complex jurisdictional issues and assisted with ERISA and employment discrimination cases. Before graduating law school, Mr. O'Brien also worked with Whirlpool Corporation's legal team in Benton Harbor, Michigan. During his time with Whirlpool, he helped navigate Whirlpool through employment discrimination and contract disputes as well as help update Whirlpool's non-compete and confidentiality agreements for new and promoted employees.

Throughout his undergraduate and law school career, Mr. O'Brien worked for and managed a research project at the University of Michigan Law School. During his six years with The Probate Project, he led a team of undergraduate and law school researchers to determine the effects of each states' legal regimes, tax rules, and economic conditions on testamentary choices. During his three years of law school, Mr. O'Brien commuted on the weekends to Ann Arbor to help create and finish one of the country's largest collection of testamentary rules and documents. During his senior year at the University of Michigan, Mr. O'Brien interned for Speaker Jase Bolger in the Office of the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives in 2014 where he was one of the first interns to work on and speak on the House floor during session. He graduated from Detroit Catholic Central in 2010.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2014 Bob Waldron Scholarship Award Winner at the University of Michigan