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Brendan Nelligan is the attorney that other lawyers, accountants and business professionals call when faced with litigation or claims for professional liability. Brendan often obtains outright dismissals in cases filed against attorneys, accountants, and insurance professionals, including recent dismissals of a \$40 million malpractice claim against a local accounting firm and a \$10 million malpractice claim against a local attorney. He has broad experience successfully representing clients at all stages of litigation in both the federal and state courts.

In addition to his professional liability defense practice, Brendan represents employers against wrongful discharge claims, as well as claims based upon allegations of race, sex, national origin, disability, pregnancy, and sexual orientation discrimination. He has defended employers before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Illinois Human Rights Commission, and the Illinois Labor Relations Board, and has significant experience in connection with investigations conducted by the Illinois Department of Human Rights, National Labor Relations Board and the U.S. Department of Labor (OSHA). Brendan has defended businesses and premises owners in connection with accessibility claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act as well.

Because Brendan maintains an active appellate practice, he remains actively involved with his cases at each stage of the litigation until its ultimate conclusion. He has advocated on behalf of clients before the United States Supreme Court, the Illinois Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit as well as several districts of the Illinois Appellate Court.

Brendan's litigation experience also includes handling complex, multiparty commercial disputes on behalf of major telecommunications providers in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and he has represented corporate officers and directors against claims that they breached their fiduciary duties.

Before joining Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered, Brendan was a prosecutor with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office from 1998 to 2003, where he tried numerous bench and jury trials. Brendan was also a law clerk for Justice Michael J. Gallagher of the Illinois Appellate Court.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. 1996
- University of Notre Dame, B.A. 1993

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States Supreme Court, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Professional Experience

Professional Affiliations

- Chicago Bar Association

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