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Overview

Brian P. DeVoss represents private developers, institutional investors, including real estate investment trusts (REITs), entrepreneurs, and family offices in the acquisition and disposition of multiple classes of commercial real estate and private operating companies with successful, risk-mitigating strategies cultivated over nearly two decades of experience.

Most recently, Brian acted as general counsel for one of the largest marina platforms in the world which operated as a private REIT, overseeing all legal and risk management matters for the private REIT following his role as lead deal counsel for the private REIT's roll-up of approximately $2 billion of assets since 2015.

Brian's well-established practice includes representing institutional investors in acquisition / disposition, leasing, and management matters with a particular emphasis on outdoor recreation, retail, flex-industrial, and seniors housing asset classes. He also boasts a business dispute background coordinating with trial counsel and regulatory authorities on controversies, workouts, and receiverships involving both commercial collections and federal regulatory matters. Internally, Brian has extensive experience overseeing risk management and compliance programs. He has served as outside general counsel for companies serving their needs across the country, where he excels at thoughtfully collaborating with entrepreneurs and executives to efficiently and creatively solve the day-to-day problems that growing companies face.

Education

- Tulane University School of Law, 2003 (J.D.)
- Southern Methodist University, 2000 (B.B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Community Involvement

- Kids-U, Volunteer, 2010-2018
    - Board of Directors & Board Chair, 2013-2015

Distinctions

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Texas Rising Star, 2013-present
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Real Estate Law, 2025-2027

Related Experience

- Acted as general counsel of a large private REIT.
- Acted as outside general counsel for numerous private companies with a particular emphasis in commercial real estate investment and development platforms.
- Led the team that closed the largest and most notable marina combinations in the world in 2022.
- Led the team that closed one of the largest marina transactions in the world in 2019.
- Led the teams that closed more than $1 Billion in marina acquisitions between 2015-2021.
- Led the teams responsible for multiple private company M&A transactions, both on sell-side and buy-side.
- Advised RV storage investors on start-up issues and led the deal team responsible for acquisitions.
- Advised and led teams responsible for closing nearly $100 Million in seniors housing acquisitions.
- Advised and led teams responsible for numerous acquisition/disposition and leasing matters in industrial, office, retail and multi-family asset classes.
- Led teams responsible for advising family office and private equity funds on commercial real estate investments.