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Practices:

Entertainment, Complex Business Litigation, Class Actions, Securities Litigation, Lawyers and Law Firms

Brandon R. Teachout joined Bird Marella in 2023. His practice focuses on complex civil litigation, with a particular emphasis on the entertainment and technology industries and professional liability defense.

Brandon has wide-ranging litigation experience representing clients in a variety of industries, from professional service firms to the technology sector.

He is also dedicated to pro bono matters, having received a *2023 Immigrants' Rights Award* from the ACLU Foundation of Southern California for his exceptional time and effort representing the plaintiffs in *Kidd v. Mayorkas*, a class-action lawsuit challenging how U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) carries out warrantless arrests in Southern Californians' homes. He also represented a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the construction of housing for homeless veterans on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles campus.

Prior to joining Bird Marella, Brandon was a litigation associate at Munger, Tolles & Olson for more than four years and clerked for then-Chief Judge John R. Tunheim of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Before he became an attorney, Brandon served as a legislative aide to former U.S. Senator Kent Conrad of North Dakota and as a budget analyst for the Senate Budget Committee. He also worked for two years as a technical director of local newscasts in Fargo, North Dakota. Brandon is a graduate of Stanford Law School, Georgetown University and Concordia College.

Education & Admissions

- Stanford Law School, J.D., Online Managing Editor, Stanford Law Review; Bradley Student Fellow, Constitutional Law Center, 2017
- Georgetown University, M.A., Liberal Studies, 2012
- Concordia College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, History & Mass Media, 2005

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- California, 2018

Notable Matters

Defended a social media network in a putative class action brought on behalf of individuals who performed content moderation work.

Represented an online payments company in a privacy class action alleging that the company improperly collects consumer information.

Defended a major international law firm against legal malpractice and breach of contract claims.

Represented an international law firm in obtaining favorable settlements of federal and state litigation alleging violations of state blue-sky laws.

Represented former NetSuite CEO Evan Goldberg in a successful dismissal in a stockholder derivative action.

Represented a business process services company in complex commercial contract litigation pending in New York state court.

Defended a sealant manufacturer and achieved very favorable settlements in four product liability and tort actions brought by homeowners associations.

Awards, Recognitions, & Associations

- Immigrants' Rights Award, ACLU Foundation of Southern California, 2023

Articles & Publications

- Author, "Whither Chevron? The Past, Present, and Possible Futures of Judicial Deference," Vol. 37, Issue 1 *The Journal of the Litigation Section of the California Lawyers Association* (2024)
- Author, "On Originalism's Originality: The Supreme Court's Historical Analysis of the Fourth Amendment from Boyd to Carpenter," Vol.55 *Tulsa Law Review* 63 (2019)
- Author, "Gotta Collect It All!: Surveillance Law Lessons of Pokémon Go," Vol. 69 *Stanford Law Review Online* 83 (2016)