



BRIAN T. RUOCCO

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BIOGRAPHY

Brian Ruocco represents clients in complex litigation matters at the trial and appellate levels. Prior to joining WTO, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Ronald Gilman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and to the Honorable Kevin McNulty of the U.S. District Court of New Jersey.

During law school, Brian participated in several externships and summer internships, gaining valuable hands-on experience representing clients in court, handling discovery, and drafting memoranda and briefs. During this time, he was also Executive Editor for the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, a member of the Williams Institute Moot Court team, and earned a certificate in management from the Wharton School of Business. Brian graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif.

Prior to law school, Brian participated in the Teach For America program, teaching special education and 8th grade American History.

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 2017, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, Executive Editor, Wharton Certificate in Management

Cornell University, B.A. 2011, Government, *Phi Beta Kappa*, Dean's List

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Law Clerk to The Honorable Ronald Gilman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Law Clerk to the Honorable Kevin McNulty, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

Legal Intern, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Fraud Section

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Dechert LLP
Federal Appellate Litigation Extern

Ropes & Gray
Summer Associate

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

PRACTICE AREAS

- Employment
- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate
- Healthcare Professional Liability
- Product Liability

CASES

- Won a motion to dismiss for a medical device company facing products liability and negligence claims.
- Representing a major telecommunications company in an MDL involving 18 underlying consumer, securities, and derivative class actions that challenge the company's marketing and sales practices.
- Serve as national coordinating counsel to a major transportation company in FLSA collective action and individual and class wage and hour claims.
- Represent an attorney facing breach of contract claims regarding a previous litigation.
- Represent a real estate developer defending breach-of-contract and fraud claims from another developer.
- Testified on behalf of the Colorado LGBT Bar Association against proposed legislation before the Colorado House of Representatives' Committee on State, Veterans, and Military Affairs. The legislation was defeated in committee.
- Represented an indigent client before the Third Circuit in a case regarding his removal order.
- Represented a transgender woman seeking asylum in the U.S on a *pro bono* basis.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Articles

- *Our Antitotalitarian Constitution and the Right to Identity*, 165 U. Pa. L. Rev. 193 (2016)

Other Articles/Presentations

- "COVID-19 Litigation Risks and Best Practices," presented at FedEx



BRIAN T. RUOCCO

Ground's Outside Service Provider Summit (October 9, 2020)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Hiking, LGBTQ literature, rescue dogs