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Practice Areas

- Commercial / Business Litigation

Practice Emphasis

Bret Walsh is a Senior Associate in our Commercial/Business Litigation, Corporate and Business Law, and Estate Planning, Wills, and Probate practice groups. His 12 years' experience in legal practice also includes work in government relations. Bret operated his own law office for nine years in Plano, Texas where his counsel provided to non-profit corporations included corporate governance and compliance, and to businesses included drafting and management of business formation documents, commercial real estate agreements, and transfer/sale of business agreements.

Bret has advised legislative candidates on campaign finance and election laws and previously served as Senior Policy Advisor for Legislative and Cabinet Affairs for the Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty in Minnesota.

Publications

- "The Texas Firearm Carry Act of 2021: Employer Rights and Responsibilities," author, *Cowles Thompson Business and Legal Update*, Jan. 2023

Presentations

- "The Affordable Care Act and How It Impacts the NF Community," presenter, NF Inc., Minnesota Health Care Forum, March 2011

Education

- J.D., William Mitchell College of Law, 2010
 - Burton award nomination for best motion practice memorandum
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Award® for highest course grades in Health Law and Legislation
 - Minnesota Justice Foundation Achievement in Volunteer Public Service
- M.A., History, University of Cincinnati, 1999
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, History, King College, 1996

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2013
- State Bar of Minnesota, 2010

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Collin County Bar Association
- Agape Resource and Assistance Center, Board Member, 2019-2022
- Flag Football Board, Plano Sports Authority, Director, 2019-2020
- Paideia Academy, School Board Director, 2004-2008, 2010-2012
- Egan Airport Relations Commission, Commissioner, 2006-2008