

## Brian J. Murren

Brian is a member of both the Litigation and Estate and Trusts departments where he focuses his practice on general litigation, representing both plaintiffs and defendants, as well as working with clients with regards to Estate and Trust planning and administration.

### Business, Insurance and Litigation

Prior to joining the firm, Brian worked as a litigator for one of the largest insurance defense firms in the entire United States where he handled a wide array of complex litigation, including bad faith claims against insurers, insurance coverage issues, personal injury disputes, and litigation involving municipalities and other public entities. In this capacity, Brian represented both nationwide clients, and local clients spread throughout the South Central Pennsylvania area. Brian draws on his litigation experience to identify potential litigation hazards, and develop effective litigation strategies to facilitate the resourceful and consistent advancement of his client's interests. Brian has successfully litigated a wide range of actions in both State and Federal trial courts across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning and Administration

In his Estate practice, Brian prepares individualized estate plans designed to preserve and protect his clients' assets not only during their lifetime, but also designed to ensure his clients' assets eventually pass to the appropriate beneficiaries in a tax-efficient manner, and consistent with his clients' intentions. To assist his clients in achieving their individualized family and financial goals, Brian crafts and implements tax-efficient strategies, such as drafting foundational estate planning documents, coordinating charitable gifts or other bequests and implementing trusts and trust modifications. Brian endeavors to understand each individual client's distinct needs and goals, in order to implement the most practical and cost-efficient estate plan. Prior to becoming an attorney, Brian worked as a paralegal where he dealt with the administration of Estates and Trusts with complex Federal and State tax implications, and also handled a high volume of litigation-related estates. During his time in law school, Brian earned the Edward N. Polisher Award for excellence in the fields of Estate Planning and Administration.

Brian is an active member in both the Dauphin County and Cumberland County Bar Associations, and currently serves on the Dauphin County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Board of Directors as Treasurer. He frequently performs pro bono services through the Association's Homeless Outreach Projects. Brian is also an active member of the Estate Planning Council of Central Pennsylvania and recently received an appointment to serve on the Council's Board of Directors.

### Presentations & Publications

"Practical Applications of Social Media in and Out of the Courtroom", Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly, April 2017.

"Mobile Devices: Don't Let Good Reception be Game Over", presented to the Cumberland County Inn of Court, December 2017.

### Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Disputes
- Estates & Trusts



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### **Professional + Community Affiliations**

Cumberland County Bar Association, Member

Dauphin County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Board, Treasurer

Central Pennsylvania Estate Planning Council, Board of Directors

### **Education**

- Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law (JD)
- James Madison University (BA)

### **Bar Admissions**

- Pennsylvania

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania