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Brendan is a member of the Professional Liability Department where he focuses his practice on the defense of auto manufacturers in all stages of their warranty litigation from pre-suit, arbitration and jury trials. Additionally, he represents insurance carriers in coverage disputes and alleged bad faith actions. Many of the coverage disputes involves windstorm claims, interior water damage claims, mold claims and remediation claims.

Brendan started his career as a public defender in Miami-Dade County, where he gained extensive courtroom and trial experience. He later went on to work at a civil defense firm where he eventually became a named partner. While there, he defended many major American and European automotive companies in both state and federal court, as well as at the administrative level. Brendan has tried cases throughout the state of Florida on behalf of his clients.

Brendan received his Juris Doctorate from Saint Thomas University and his Bachelor of Arts in English from the College of William and Mary.

Education

- St. Thomas University College of Law (J.D., 2006)
- William & Mary (B.A., 1996)

Admissions

- Florida, 2006
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, 2009
- U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida, 2012

Practices

- Insurance Services – Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
- Miscellaneous Professional Liability

Thought Leadership

June 11, 2026

Appeals Court Reverses Trial Court Order Striking Complaint as Sanction for Violating Discovery Order

March 1, 2026

Appeals Court Reverses Trial Court Finding that Proposal for Settlement Made by Carrier to Insured was not Ambiguous

December 1, 2025

Appeals Court Reverses Verdict, Finds Trial Court Erred in Denying Motion to Dismiss and In Finding Late Notice Defense Was Waived When Alternative Policy Exclusions Were Raised in the Same Pleading