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Areas of Focus

AI Task Force

Business Litigation

Content, Media, and

Entertainment

Education

Energy



Overview

Jason Bradford is a nationally recognized trial lawyer who represents Fortune 500 companies, higher education institutions, law firms, media organizations, and technology companies in high-stakes commercial litigation and arbitrations. Jason has spent his entire professional career at Jenner & Block, where he focuses on complex business disputes involving trade secrets, restrictive covenants, high-profile and sensitive personnel disputes, and emerging technologies including artificial intelligence.

Jason's practice encompasses federal trade secrets litigation under the Defend Trade Secrets Act, breach of contract actions, employment disputes, internal corporate investigations, and government inquiries. He has served as first-chair trial counsel in cases involving intellectual property licensing and trade secret protection, and he regularly obtains injunctive relief and damages for clients in federal and state courts nationwide. Jason also counsels clients on cutting-edge issues at the intersection of AI and intellectual property protection, non-compete enforceability under evolving state and federal regulations, and strategies to protect confidential business information.

Jason's recent notable achievements demonstrate his ability to handle high-stakes, media-intensive disputes across diverse practice areas. He served as a key member of the Jenner team that secured a multibillion-dollar arbitration victory for Fox Corporation in its litigation against Flutter Entertainment over the valuation and option to acquire a stake in FanDuel, one of the nation's leading sports betting platforms. In higher education litigation, Jason successfully defended a leading public university in constitutional litigation involving First Amendment challenges to institutional policies, securing summary judgment on complex questions at the intersection of free speech rights, labor law, and public governance. He also represented a major research university in high-profile

employment litigation involving breach of contract, defamation, and wrongful termination claims, where he navigated highly sensitive institutional and reputational issues through extensive discovery and ultimately achieved a favorable settlement. These matters exemplify Jason's skill in protecting clients' legal and reputational interests while managing complex disputes that attract significant public attention.

Jason serves on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Bar Foundation and its Finance Committee. He previously served as President of the Chicago Bar Foundation's Young Professionals Board and is the Founding President of the Young Professionals Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago. A life-long Chicagoan, Jason lives in the city with his wife and their three daughters. He enjoys cooking with his family and spends considerable time at ice rinks watching them figure skate.



I spend time learning what matters most to my clients so we can align our legal strategy with their business priorities. That might mean aggressive litigation or finding a creative resolution—whatever gets them the best outcome so they can focus on running their business.”

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- Content, Media, and Entertainment
- Education
- Energy
- Financial Litigation
- Fintech and Crypto Assets
- Food and Beverage
- India
- Intellectual Property
- Investigations, Compliance, and Defense
- Hedge, Investment, and Private Equity Funds
- Investor and Securities Litigation
- Law Firm and Professional Services Defense
- Mass Torts and Product Liability
- Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenants

Representative Matters

- Key leader of the trial team in multibillion-dollar arbitration representing Fox Corporation in valuation dispute with Flutter Entertainment over Fox's option to acquire stake in FanDuel sports betting platform. Secured favorable arbitration award preserving Fox's option at \$3.72 billion valuation with annual escalation provisions.
- Represented major research university in high-profile employment litigation with national media attention involving breach of contract, defamation, and wrongful termination claims. Navigated sensitive institutional and reputational issues through extensive discovery and achieved favorable settlement.
- Served as a member of the team conducting an investigation and producing an internal report to the board of directors for General Motors Company (GM) regarding recalls stemming from faulty ignition switches. The firm team coordinated GM's response to several federal agencies and Congress.
- First-chair trial counsel in breach of contract case involving theft of trade secrets. Secured favorable outcome for client.
- Lead counsel representing nationally recognized media organization in defending defamation claims.
- Represented technology company and its board of directors in high-stakes internal investigation and resolution of CEO misconduct claims brought by company co-founder.
- Lead counsel on behalf of a number of clients litigating injunctive and/or declaratory relief matters in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and in Cook County Chancery Court.
- Trial counsel representing client prescription health plan provider in an intellectual property license dispute, including during a nine-day bench trial in Cook County Chancery Court, ultimately resulting in settlement between the parties and a productive relationship moving forward.
- Prosecuted and defended trade secret misappropriation claims under federal Defend Trade Secrets Act and state law for technology companies, financial services firms, and other businesses. Obtained emergency injunctive relief and favorable resolutions in multiple matters.
- Represented a client in Qui Tam litigation against allegations of various health care fraud violations.
- Represented companies in investigations by multiple United States Attorneys' offices and federal regulatory agencies. Conducted internal investigations for boards of directors and senior management.
- Represented a client against a multi-billion-dollar legal malpractice claim resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Secured release of man who spent more than 27 years in prison following successful federal habeas corpus proceedings.
- Obtained gubernatorial pardon for woman convicted of manslaughter who had acted in self-defense of her and her child from her abusive husband, achieving full restoration of civil rights.
- Partnered with Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law on election protection efforts, including representation regarding voter registration portal vulnerabilities during 2024 election cycle.

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 2010

Education

- University of Chicago Law School, JD, 2010
- Emory University, BA, Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society; Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society, 2007

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- US District Court, District of Columbia
- US District Court, Central District of Illinois
- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)
- US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Service / Recognition

Awards

- Albert E. Jenner Pro Bono Award, 2012
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2024, 2026; Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law, 2026
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2015-2024

Community

- **Chicago Bar Foundation** (Board of Directors, 2021-2022, 2024-present; Finance Committee, 2024-present)
- **Chicago Bar Foundation, Young Professionals Board** (President, 2020-202; President-Elect, 2019-2020; Vice President, 2018-2019; Engagement Committee Chair, 2017-2019; Engagement Committee, 2014-2017; Member, 2014-2024)
- **Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago** (Board of Directors, 2013-2017; Founding President, Young Professionals Board, 2013-2017; Young Professionals Board, 2013-2018)
- **James R. Jordan Boys and Girls Club and Chicago Bulls Family Life Center** (Board of Managers, 2011-2017)
- **American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, Chicago Lawyer Chapter** (Board of Directors, 2012-2018; Director of Lawyer Outreach, 2017-2018; Program Director, 2013-2017; Director of Law School Outreach, 2012-2013)
- **John Howard Association** (Young Professionals Board, 2013-2015)

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Association: Member, Section of Litigation, Young Lawyers Section
- Chicago Bar Association, Member, Young Lawyers Section
- Illinois State Bar Association, Member, Young Lawyers Division