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**Areas of Focus**

Business Litigation

Class Action

Communications, Internet,  
and Technology

Trade Secrets and  
Restrictive Covenants

Financial Litigation



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### Overview

**Brent Caslin has more than 25 years of broad litigation and arbitration experience, having tried civil and criminal cases, represented clients in domestic and international arbitration tribunals, and argued before state and federal courts of appeal. He co-founded Jenner & Block's Los Angeles office in 2009, opening an office that has consistently been named among the "Most Admired Law Firms to Work For" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* and starting a commercial litigation practice in California that is now ranked Band 1 in California by *Chambers USA*.**

Brent's management of complex disputes has been commended by the *National Law Journal*, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, and the *Legal 500*. In 2017, he was awarded a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award by the *Daily Journal* for his work on a substantial cross-border dispute.

Although he enjoys a broad-based practice, Brent is particularly adept with disputes involving commercial agreements, corporate transactions, investment funds, licensing disputes, and trade secrets. He has defended dozens of alleged corporate fraud cases and twice won affirmative fraud claims in arbitration proceedings.

Brent's deep understanding of trade secret law positions him to handle cases involving state and federal trade secret and computer fraud statutes. He regularly provides counseling on trade secret matters and has led teams through all types of trade secret and computer fraud disputes in courts across the US. Brent has repeatedly been proclaimed a top trade secrets lawyer by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and *Legal 500*. He led the investigation and filing of the trade secret lawsuit by Epic Systems against Tata Consultancy, in the US District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, that eventually resulted in a \$940 million jury verdict against TCS, and was one of the leaders

of the Jenner team that secured a \$130 million settlement during trial of a trade secret case in Seattle, Washington. He has defended trade secret cases in computer software, telecommunications, finance, real estate, insurance, defense, manufacturing, and other industries.

Having lived and worked in the United States, Asia, and Europe, Brent is particularly skilled at managing and resolving complex cross-border disputes. He has represented clients from around the world, with particular experience working with companies from Japan.

As a US Army veteran, Brent maintains an active pro bono practice representing disabled veterans and veteran groups. He serves on the board of the EOD Warrior Foundation, an active charitable organization that provides support to active-duty, Reserve and National Guard, retired, and veteran EOD technicians and their families.

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- Class Action
- Communications, Internet, and Technology
- Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenants
- Financial Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- International Arbitration
- Hedge, Investment, and Private Equity Funds
- Japan Practice
- Life Sciences
- Technology

## **Representative Matters**

- Led the defense of a substantial international manufacturing firm in a complex JAMS arbitration in San Diego, centered on claims for breach of a license agreement for technology contained in automobile infotainment systems.
- Represented News Corp subsidiary Move, Inc., as well as the National Association of Realtors and multiple subsidiary companies in a lawsuit against Zillow. The plaintiffs, who own and operate the realtor.com website, brought claims for trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty, among others. The case ended with a \$130M settlement on the first day of trial in Seattle, following a five day hearing related to evidence spoliation.
- Led the prosecution of claims on behalf of an Osaka-based manufacturing firm for fraud, breach of contract, trade secret misappropriation, and various business torts against the sellers of a US-based business. The primary case was filed in Manhattan, with the New York Supreme Court. After that court entered a TRO/PI against a group of

defendants, discovery confirmed allegations that the target company had been engaged in unlawful business practices before it was acquired. In addition to leading the New York case, Brent represented the client's interests in ancillary disputes that developed in Missouri, New York, and Michigan, in civil courts, with arbitral bodies, and before administrative agencies. His team also resolved an eight figure R&W insurance claim. The National Law Journal honored the team with a runner-up Litigator of the Week mention after a successful interlocutory appeal before New York's Appellate Division, First Department.

- Secured a \$940 million trade secret verdict for Epic Systems Corp., one of the leading health care software companies in the US, in a corporate espionage case against Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). A Wisconsin jury found that TCS, a hired consultant, misappropriated trade secrets related to Epic's proprietary software. The verdict represents one of the largest trade secret verdicts in US history.
- Defended a California bank in a Los Angeles Superior Court dispute with a competitor alleging the misappropriation of confidential information and breach of various contractual provisions related to the solicitation of employees and clients. The case was settled before trial.
- Represented a Japanese manufacturing firm through a cross-border commercial dispute in South Carolina. The case began when the opposition filed a lien against a factory project. Following a civil action in the US District Court for the District of South Carolina, it ended with a favorable settlement in which that opponent delivered a financial payment to the firm's client.
- Successfully defended the US subsidiary of a Japanese corporation in a cross-border arbitration proceeding sited in New York that focused on clinical research operations in the pharmaceutical industry. The team also successfully resolved several ancillary proceedings related to the arbitration, including a post-acquisition dispute with the former owner of the US business.
- Represented a US defense contractor in a commercial dispute litigation in the US District Court for the Southern District of California. The case focused on the training of US special operations personnel and the State Secrets Doctrine.
- Represented an energy firm in a commercial dispute over contractual indemnity obligations arising from a series of wrongful death actions and a related regulatory investigation. The case was litigated in the US District Court for the Central District of California and settled favorably.
- Represented a technology company in the financial services sector through an arbitration process relating to a portfolio of fraudulent loan transactions. After pre-hearing motions focused on evidence destruction and disclosure misconduct, and a five day evidentiary hearing on the merits, the arbitrator ruled in favor of our client and awarded several million dollars in damages for fraud, breach of contract, and attorneys' fees.
- Defended an international information services firm against claims for breach of contract and trade secret misappropriation related to an alleged corporate acquisition. A complete defense verdict was entered by the US District Court for the Central District of California after a three-week trial in Los Angeles.

## **Credentials**

### **Admissions**

- California, 1998

- Washington, 2005

## **Education**

- Pepperdine University School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 1998
- Western Washington University, BA, 1994

## **Court Admissions**

- US Supreme Court
- Washington Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- US District Court, Central District of California
- US District Court, Eastern District of California
- US District Court, Northern District of California
- US District Court, Southern District of California
- US District Court, District of Colorado
- US District Court, District of Massachusetts
- US District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- US District Court, Western District of Washington
- US District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

## **Service / Recognition**

### **Awards**

- *The American Lawyer*, Litigator of the Week, Runner-Up, 2026
- *The BTI Class Action Leaders*, 2026
- *California Lawyer* and *Daily Journal*, California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award, 2017
- Capitol Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2025
- *Daily Journal*, Top Trade Secret Lawyer, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- *Legal 500*, Intellectual Property, Trade Secrets, 2017, 2018, 2020-2022; Dispute Resolution - General Commercial Disputes, 2022
- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award, 2011, 2023
- *Southern California Super Lawyers*, 2011, 2013-2024; Rising Star, 2008-2010

## **Community**

- Pepperdine Law School, Adjunct Faculty Member, 2004-2012
- Board Member, EOD Warrior Foundation

## **Service to the Bar**

- State Bar of California, Member, Officer, and Chair of the International Law Section, 2006-2012
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Member