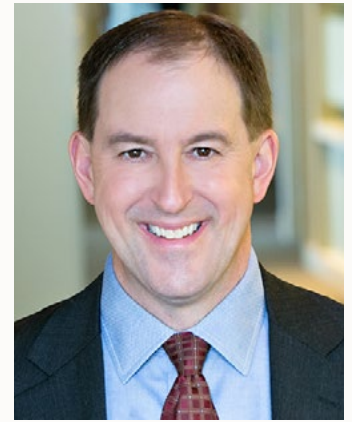


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EXPERTISE AREAS

- Complex Commercial & Business disputes
- Construction disputes
- Intellectual Property disputes (Trade Secrets, Patent, Trademark, Copyright)
- Debtor/Creditor disputes

EDUCATION

- LL.M., London School of Economics and Political Science (Intellectual Property Law), 2002
- J.D., Georgetown University, cum laude, 1992
- B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 1987

AFFILIATIONS

- Washington Arbitration and Mediation Service
- American Bar Association
- Washington State Bar Association
- American Subcontractors Association
- Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Brian Esler is a highly experienced litigator and dispute resolution professional with a practice focused on complex business litigation, including intellectual property disputes, construction disputes, debtor/creditor disputes and appellate matters. Over the course of his career, he has represented clients across a wide range of industries in state, federal, and tribal courts, as well as before administrative agencies and arbitral panels.

Brian has substantial experience handling intellectual property disputes, particularly in the areas of software licensing disputes as well as trade secrets and employment contract disputes. He has also represented construction industry clients – from owners to contractors to suppliers – in disputes arising from public and private construction projects throughout the Pacific Northwest. Throughout his career, Brian has also represented various parties in debtor/creditor disputes, including numerous banks, receivers, and bankruptcy trustees.

Brian began his career as a neutral in 2010 when he became an appointed arbitrator for the King County Superior Court's mandatory arbitration program for cases under \$100,000. In 2018, he became a panelist for the American Arbitration Association on its commercial, consumer, and construction panels. In 2022, he completed the University of Washington's Professional Mediation Skills Training Program.

Brian has been widely recognized for his work, including selection to The Best Lawyers in America, designation as a "Washington Litigation Star" by Benchmark Litigation, and repeated inclusion among Washington Super Lawyers, including recognition as a Top 100 attorney.