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Focus

- Criminal and White Collar Defense
- Appellate
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Global reputation as a force of aggressive defense against criminal and civil white-collar allegations. Counselor of choice for some of the nation's most recognized individuals and corporations.

Over a span of three decades, Brian Bieber has relentlessly dedicated himself to defending clients in criminal and white-collar cases throughout state and federal jurisdictions. His diverse clientele, both high-profile and extremely confidential, includes C-suite executives, prominent athletes, actors, entertainers, recording artists, high-ranking elected officials, government employees, and ordinary citizens accused of serious criminal conduct and facing lengthy prison sentences. He has represented publicly traded and privately held small, midsized, and multimillion-dollar corporations as well. His unrivaled defense practice extends beyond the United States borders, having represented client interests across the globe in Argentina, Belgium, the United States and British Virgin Islands, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Italy, Iran, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Brian's success resonates as he produces skillful resolutions, manages seismic reputational fallout, and intercepts disruptive media scrutiny, particularly in high-profile cases. He defends clients against allegations of a wide variety of criminal activity, including bank and bankruptcy fraud, cryptocurrency/non-fungible token (NFT)/foreign exchange-related (FOREX) transactions, cybercrimes, "deep-fake"/artificial intelligence (AI) crimes, environmental offenses, healthcare fraud, insurance fraud, mail fraud, mortgage irregularities, pharmaceutical misconduct, real estate improprieties, securities violations, tax evasion, wire fraud, and countless other violations. He has extensive experience with complex matters such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), money laundering, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) violations, regulatory issues (including those enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and The Occupational Safety and Health Administration), Native American and Gaming laws, COVID-19-related fraud, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)

Act. He also handles highly sensitive cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

Brian's prominence in and out of the courtroom has positioned him as a sought-after thought leader by national and international media outlets. He offers discerning analyses of headline-making cases, providing insight into the ever-changing landscape of criminal justice and complex, high-stakes issues. He is highly respected within the criminal defense bar; he has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and is currently the President of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers.

Brian is admitted to The Florida Bar, the New York Bar, and the District of Columbia Bar. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, and 11th Circuit Courts of Appeal.

Notable Work

- *Saget vs. Mina*. Permanent injunction obtained to protect privacy rights.
- *State of Florida v. Blank.* Jury acquittal on all charges involving insurance fraud and grand theft.
- *State of Florida v. Law.* Charges against NFL football player, accused of resisting arrest and disobeying a lawful command by a police officer; dropped after aggressive pre-trial presentation to the prosecutor.
- *State of Florida v. Melchionno.* Jury acquittal of all charges involving an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon requiring a 20-year minimum mandatory sentence if convicted. (10-20-life statutes).
- *State of Florida v. Sawh.* Jury acquittal involving attorney accused of grand theft ($2 million from trust account).
- *State of Florida v. Smith.* Reversal of Circuit Court Order requiring individual to provide a DNA sample to the state seven years after his probation was terminated. This successful appeal preserved the individual privacy rights of all Florida citizens, called into question the legality of over 700 DNA samples illegally obtained by the state, and shut down an entire division of a Miami-based Police Department.
- *State of Florida v. Spence.* Dismissal of aggravated battery charge against one of the country's most prominent personal injury attorneys.
- *State of Florida v. Taylor.* Jury acquittal of a serious felony charge in which Anthony Taylor was accused of aggravated assault with a firearm against his adoptive son, Miami Dolphins football player Jason Taylor.
- *United States v. Ehrling.* The conviction of the former president of a $1.3 billion publicly traded company, reversed on the grounds that no crime was committed. The indictment charged that General Development Corporation had engaged in massive fraud in connection with its sales, marketing, and financing practices. The trial lasted nine months.
- *United States v. Fanfan.* Convicted of federal tax-related crimes by plea, Dr. Joseph Fanfan avoided up to four years of prison and was sentenced to home confinement and five months in a halfway house, as a result of an innovative and aggressive approach to the ordinary sentencing process.

- *United States v. Kallini.* Jury acquittal of pain management physician charged with conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud, wire fraud, and falsification of records in a federal investigation.
- *United States v. Layne.* Dismissal of Federal Indictment charging sexual assault.
- *United States v. Ocon.* Dismissal of Federal Indictment charging the possession of 400,000 pills of MDMA (Ecstasy) following successful motion to suppress.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2013-2027
  - Criminal Defense: General Practice
  - Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- *Legal 500*, Miami Elite
  - White Collar Crime, Tier 3
- Florida *Super Lawyers*, 2006-2026
  - Top 100 Miami List, 2018-2020
- *Daily Business Review,* First Recipient, Most Effective South Florida Criminal Defense Lawyer, 2005

Insights

- "Criminal Defense Practice – Personal and Professional", Guest Speaker, University of Florida Pre-Legal Honor Society, September 12, 2023
- "Criminal Defense Trial Strategies A-Z," June 1, 2023
- "Voir Dire and Jury Selection Tactics for Criminal Law Attorneys," December 5, 2022
- "Criminal Defense Trial Strategies A-Z," June 15, 2022
- "Being a Criminal Defense Lawyer", Guest Speaker, University of Miami, November 18, 2022
- "Criminal Defense Practice," Guest Speaker, University of Florida Law, October 5, 2021
- "Delivering a Powerful Opening Statement," August 18, 2021
- "Criminal Defense Trial Strategies A-Z," July 22, 2021
- "PPP: Balancing the Lifeline and the Fraud," *Daily Business Review*, November 2020
- "The Persuasive Powers of Documents to Make Your Case to the Jury," October 27, 2020
- "Best Practices for Paralegals," October 15, 2020
- "COVID-19 Conversations Webinar Series - COVID-19 and Its Effects on White Collar Crime," Panelist, June 30, 2020
- "How to Effectively Run Your Practice While Being in Full Compliance with A Covid-19 Stay-At-Home Order," April 28, 2020
- "The Use and Persuasive Powers of Documents to Make Your Case to The Jury," September 26, 2019
- "Bluff, Bluster, Badger, Beg & Barrister: Pursuing Favorable Outcomes in White-Collar Defense When the Deck is Stacked," Co-Author, *Best Lawyers*, Summer 2019
- "Voir Dire and Jury Selection Tactics," Miami Law Practice CLE, July 18, 2019
- "Voir Dire & Jury Selection: A Practical, How-to Guide," May 15, 2019
- "The Criminal Defense Trial," National Business Institute, March 14, 2018

Media

- "Winter 2026 Class Notes," *Rutgers Foundation*, April 2026

- "Brendan Paul's Lawyer Sets The Record Straight, He's "Not A Drug Mule"," *TMZ*, June 20, 2025
- "Former Abercrombie C.E.O. Ruled Unfit to Stand Trial for Sex Trafficking," *The New York Times*, May 2, 2025
- "Florida Federal Judge Sanctions Attorney in Litigation Against DaBaby," *Law.com*, February 14, 2025
- "Mike Jeffries Has Dementia And Late-Onset Alzheimer's, Lawyers Say—Here Are All The Allegations Against The Former Abercrombie & Fitch CEO," *Forbes*, December 24, 2024
- "Alleged Diddy Mule Charges In Drug Case Dropped," *TMZ*, December 17, 2024
- "Ex-Abercrombie & Fitch CEO pleads not guilty to sex trafficking charges," *The Washington Post*, October 25, 2024
- "Busted In Broward County... In Murder-For-Hire Plot," *TMZ*, October 25, 2024
- "Diddy's Associate Brendan Paul Arrested on Suspicion of Drug Possession," *E! Online*, September 20, 2024
- "December 1, 2023 News and Notes," *Florida Bar News,* December 1, 2023
- "17 Celebrity Deaths That Shocked The World: Chester Bennington, Paul Walker, Naya Rivera and More," *OK! Magazine,* August 14, 2023
- "Big Law Experts: Case of Plastic Surgeon Accused of Slaying Florida Lawyer Spotlights Attorneys' Vulnerability," *Daily Business Review*, March 27, 2023
- "Charges against Vikings OL Oli Udoh from October Arrest Dismissed," NBCSports.com, December 22, 2022
- "Criminal Defense in Big Law Environment," Bast Amron Podcast, December 14, 2022
- "'Can Wait No Longer': Federal Judge Orders New Trial After Alleged Prosecutorial Misconduct," *Daily Business Review*, December 8, 2022
- "Bob Saget's Family Attorney Says Newly-Released Records 'Tell the Entire Story' of His Death," *People Magazine*, March 24, 2022
- "Attorney Compensation, Arrest Booking Photos: Florida Governor Signs Bills Affecting Lawyers," Law.com, June 22, 2021
- "Gaetz Associate Likely to Strike Plea Deal with Prosecutors in Sex Trafficking Case," *The Washington Post*, April 8, 2021
- "Defense Options Limited for Lakeland Woman Accused in Jan. 6 Riot," *The Ledger*, April 4, 2021
- "Florida Appellate Ruling Creates Precedent to Contest Arbitration Provisions," *Daily Business Review*, March 11, 2021
- "Miami Litigators Expect Influx of PPP Fraud Cases as Second Round of Lending Begins," *Daily Business Review*, February 12, 2021
- "Attorney Brian Bieber - Arrests after the chaos on Capitol Hill," WFLA -AM Tampa Bay, January 8, 2021
- "Seminole Tax Collector Joel Greenberg Indicted, Accused of Stalking Election Opponent," *Orlando Sentinel*, June 23, 2020
- "Is Anywhere Safe for a Jury Trial During the Covid-19 Pandemic? Try a School Gym." *The Wall Street Journal*, May 19, 2020
- "Florida Chief Justice: Skip Work in Courts Until June," *Daily Business Review*, April 6, 2020
- "Ex-UN Diplomat Spared Prison For Taking $1.5M In Bribes," *Law360*, November 8, 2019

- "US Accuses Businessmen of Bribery in Connection with Petroecuador," *Financial Times*, July 1, 2019
- "After 78 Killings, a Honduran Drug Lord Partners With the U.S.," *The New York Times*, October 6, 2017
- "Frauds posing as Adele's manager hit up Rihanna, Drake and other stars for show tickets," *Miami Herald*, May 9, 2017

Affiliations

- American Board of Criminal Lawyers, President, 2026
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
  - Board of Directors, 2009-2016, 2019-2021
  - Parliamentarian, 2018
- Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- The Florida Bar, Criminal Law Section
- Miami-Dade County Bar Association
- New York Bar Association

Credentials

- J.D., University of Miami School of Law, 1994
- B.S., Rutgers University, B.S., 1991

Admissions

- Florida
- New York
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, and 11th Circuits
- U.S. District Court for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. Supreme Court