



Brian Del Gatto

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Brian Del Gatto is a recognized authority on the law pertaining to the Transportation industry, with a core emphasis on multi-modal transportation law. He was central to founding the firm's Transportation and Canadian practice groups. Brian plays a unique role for his Canadian insurers and self-insured clients, serving as their relationship and alliance point of contact with the firm and coordinating all of their matters with Wilson Elser offices and affiliate counsel as needed. Such matters encompass the full scope of these clients' legal needs across the United States.

Brian also has significant experience in product liability and toxic tort matters, as well as general corporate litigation. He has successfully tried many high-exposure cases to favorable outcomes and has a number of reported appellate decisions.

Brian founded and helps to oversee the firm's 24/7 emergency response team for catastrophic events and is a trusted adviser to many major insurers and self-insureds as their regional counsel or point of contact and alliance counsel for their litigation needs. Understanding that each matter is extraordinarily important – often a game changer – to the client, Brian applies a laser focus on strategy and strives for a resolution that will have the least impact on the client's business.

Brian is the founder and regional managing partner of Wilson Elser's Phoenix, Arizona, office, and the former New England regional managing partner and founder of the Connecticut office. Brian also has served as a member of the firmwide Executive Committee.

Brian has published numerous articles and received many awards for his work as a lawyer and advocate, including the Transportation Lawyers Distinguished Service Award and an AV® Preeminent™ rating by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been selected numerous times for inclusion in Super Lawyers® in the Transportation category.

Services

- Accountants
- Asbestos & Talc
- Canada
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- e-Discovery
- Employment & Labor
- Environmental
- Health Care Law
- Italy
- Latin America
- Medical Malpractice & Health Care
- National Trial Team
- Professional Liability & Services
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance

Transportation, Cargo & Logistics

Brian has experience with the full range of surface transportation matters, including bodily injury, employment, premises liability, contractual, product liability and regulatory matters. He has handled class actions in the transportation area, representing Fortune 500 companies as either national or local counsel. Often Brian is involved in transportation matters that emanate from Canada in his role as national or regional counsel for a number of Canada-based insurer and insured clients.

Brian is actively involved in numerous transportation industry organizations, having served as chair of the Transportation Lawyer's Association's Casualty Litigation Committee and a member of its executive board. He also is a member of The Trucking Industry Defense Association and its Canadian Relations Committee.

As the leader of the firm's 24/7 emergency response team for catastrophic events, Brian has handled catastrophic transport and products liability claims, mobilizing a variety of experts to an incident scene to immediately preserve evidence and start building an appropriate defense.

Commercial Litigation

Brian handles a wide variety of complex corporate, commercial and general litigation cases on behalf of transportation companies, retailers, product manufacturers, financial institutions/life companies and health care providers in New York, Connecticut, Arizona and many other jurisdictions. Brian and his team represent these clients in employment disputes, premises liability, contractual disputes, regulatory and other matters, including mergers and acquisitions.

Product Liability, Toxic Tort & Construction

Brian has extensive experience in product liability, toxic tort and construction matters. He has tried and reached favorable outcomes in such high-exposure cases in New York, Connecticut, Arizona and several other states. Many of his cases have involved transportation-related incidents such as fuel and hazardous spills from trucks and trains. Brian also has handled and tried asbestos cases for gasket and insulation companies in both federal and state courts.

Education

- Quinnipiac University School of Law (J.D., 1986)
- Brooklyn College (B.A., 1984)
- University of South Florida (A.A., 1981)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Connecticut
- New York
- Washington

- Toxic Tort
- Transportation

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of Vermont
- U.S. District Court, District of Washington

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Connecticut Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar
- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), board member, Connecticut Chapter
- Transportation Lawyer's Association, chairperson, Casualty Litigation Committee
- American Trucking Association
- Trucking Industry Defense Association
- Canadian Transport Lawyers Association
- Ontario Trucking Association
- Counsel of Freight Claims Lawyers

Awards & Honors

- Transportation Lawyers Association, Distinguished Service Award, 2012
- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected for inclusion in *Connecticut Super Lawyers*, 2007, 2013
- Selected for inclusion in *New York Super Lawyers*, in the Transportation/Maritime

category, 2014-2019