



Brendan J. Gardiner
Partner

Drawing on his two decades of senior in-house experience with two Fortune 100 multinational companies, Brendan helps clients navigate legal, compliance, and geopolitical risks to enhance resilience, safeguard assets, uphold stakeholder trust, and drive long-term success. He couples his legal experience with business acumen to help clients see around corners, identify solutions, and advance their business objectives.

Brendan advises general counsels, boards, and senior executives on sensitive regulatory and compliance matters, including designing effective compliance programs, conducting due diligence, leading internal investigations, implementing remedial measures, and engaging with regulators. Brendan also helps organizations strengthen their enterprise risk management and insurance strategies to proactively identify, assess, monitor, and mitigate operational and financial risks. His approach emphasizes delivering pragmatic, solutions-focused advice tailored to each client's unique needs and objectives.

Drawing on his in-house experience as Chief Litigation Counsel, Brendan provides strategic guidance on litigation, arbitrations, and mediations in both U.S. and international contexts. Additionally, Brendan serves as U.S. legal counsel to non-U.S. companies with operations in the U.S. and supports business operations while ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory frameworks.

Brendan earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Notre Dame Law School and his B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame. He began his legal career clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit for the Hon. Susan H. Black.

Brendan is a Fortune 100 in-house counsel veteran with international experience who guides and advises multinational clients on global compliance and risk management matters.

Representative Experience

Held Deputy General Counsel position at a leading food ingredient and commodities trading company, where he led a global team of over 100 legal and compliance professionals supporting operations in more than 200 countries. Brendan also oversaw the company's insurance and risk management division, placing insurance, managing claims, and running its captive insurance entity.

Spent 11 years with the world's largest manufacturer of construction, mining, and engineering equipment, where he held a series of legal positions in the U.S. and EMEA handling litigation, commercial transactions, and international trade matters, including tariffs, sanctions, and FCPA compliance.

Practiced at an Am Law 100 firm, focusing on internal investigations and commercial and securities litigation.