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OVERVIEW

Brenden Chainey is an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of K&L Gates. A member of the public policy and law practice group, Brenden is a seasoned policy professional and experienced attorney with over 15 years of significant government relations and legislative experience advising Congressional members, venture-backed companies, and executives of Fortune 500 companies. Brenden focuses on developing comprehensive policy solutions for companies operating in industries that are experiencing rapidly changing regulatory environments.

At K&L Gates, Brenden has primarily advised clients in technology and emerging high risk industries. Brenden has advised technology and media companies on initiatives regarding telecom (FCC spectrum regulation), cryptocurrency/fintech regulation, and appropriations. He has advised clients in industries such as technology, financial services, manufacturing, and transportation, as well as trade associations on public policy issues related to privacy, competition, ESG, and cannabis banking regulation.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to K&L Gates, Brenden worked for eight years on Capitol Hill, where served in various capacities including as Legislative Director for a former Ranking Member of the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee. While in Congress, Brenden worked a number of issues related to innovation, startups, energy, neuroscience, advanced manufacturing, and Internet of Things.

Brenden grew up in Florida and later, New Jersey. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in history (with honors) from Rutgers University. He later earned a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers Law School.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Rutgers School of Law at Newark, 2005
- B.A., Rutgers University, 2002 (*with highest honors*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of New Jersey

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 25 July 2023, 2023 ESG State Legislation Wrap Up
- 27 June 2023, House GOP ESG Working Group; Interim Report Released
- 27 December 2022, Alaska Will Require Licensing for Crypto Money Transmitters
- 15 November 2021, In the Weeds: The States Reform Act of 2021, the Latest Comprehensive Cannabis Reform Bill
- November 2021, November 2021 Accolades
- 20 April 2021, Cannabis Banking: The SAFE Banking Act 2.0 Passes the House of Representatives
- 6 April 2021, Cannabis Banking in the U.S. – The Latest on the SAFE Act
- 2 April 2021, Cannabis Banking: The SAFE Banking Act 2.0's Status, Key Modifications, and Prospects
- 27 March 2020, COVID-19: Historic Coronavirus Relief Package Enacted
- 26 August 2019, Congress and the President Strike a “Huuuge” Budget Deal: What It Means and Opportunities

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "In The Weeds: The States Reform Act of 2021, The Latest Comprehensive Cannabis Reform Bill," *Cannabis Business Executive*, 17 November 2021

NEWS & EVENTS

- 3 May 2023, Top 10 Things to Know When Starting a Cannabis Business in the United States, Hosted by The CannaLaw Network
- 26 May 2021, MCBA Federal Policy Forum, hosted by the Minority Cannabis Business Association

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- Payments, Banking Regulation, and Consumer Financial Services

- U.S. National Security Law and Policy

INDUSTRIES

- Cannabis
- Consumer Products