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EDUCATION

- Tulane University Law School, J.D., Managing Editor, Sports Lawyers Journal, 2014
- Hong Kong University Law School
- University of California-Santa Barbara, B.A., History of Public Policy, 2010

ADMISSIONS

- Alabama
- New York
- Alabama USDC, Middle District
- Alabama USDC, Northern District
- Alabama USDC, Southern District
- Georgia USDC, Northern District
- US Ct Appeals, 4th Circuit (MD, NC, SC, VA, WV)
- US Ct Appeals, 7th Circuit (IL, IN, WI)
- US Ct Appeals, 8th Circuit (AR, IA, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)

RECOGNITIONS

- Listed in Best Lawyers Ones to Watch, 2022-2024
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® for Appellate Practice (by BL Rankings), 2025

As an experienced litigator in the firm's higher education practice group, Brandt Hill defends educational institutions in student and employment litigation and arbitration. He also routinely advises schools on regulatory issues involving the U.S. Department of Education and the Higher Education Act.

Brandt also has significant appellate experience, having represented clients in civil appeals on topics ranging from dietary supplements to life insurance to governmental immunity. His broad experience also extends to other industries: He has represented a state in a high-profile water-rights dispute with a federal agency, a prominent website in a defamation case implicating Section 230 immunity, and a trade association of beer wholesalers in an appeal involving the 21st Amendment.

Before joining Thompson Coburn, Brandt worked at large law firms in Birmingham and in New York City. In New York, he focused on litigating sports and antitrust cases and also successfully petitioned for clemency on behalf of two individuals who had their sentences commuted by President Obama. During his time at the University of California-Santa Barbara as an undergraduate, he was a member of the school's Division 1 baseball team.

Experience

- **Matthews v. American Society of Professional Education, et al., Case No. 1:21-291-LY (W.D. Tex. Nov. 4, 2021). Obtained dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction.**
- **Cannon v. Lucas, --- So.3d ---, No. 1190505, 2021 WL 3700830 (Ala. Aug. 20, 2021). Obtained reversal of \$18 million adverse jury verdict and remand for new trial.**
- **NRZ Pass-Through Tr. IV v. Tarantola, 192 A.D.3d 819, 144 N.Y.S.3d 196 (Mar. 12, 2021). Successfully orally argued case to obtain reversal of trial court order dismissing case for failure to join necessary party in mortgage foreclosure action.**
- **Hamilton v. Buffalo Rock Co., Case No. 190853 (Ala. Aug. 20, 2020). Obtained affirmance of trial court order granting motion for partial summary judgment in personal injury action arising out of car accident.**
- **MasterMind Involvement Mktg., Inc. v. Art Inst. of Atlanta, LLC, 389**

- F. Supp. 3d 1291 (N.D. Ga. 2019). Obtained injunction requiring vendor to return social media login credentials to multiple universities.
- **MetLife Sec., Inc. v. Brandt**, No. B282949, 2018 WL 6616097 (Cal. Ct. App. Dec. 18, 2018). Obtained affirmance in case involving request for attorney fees.
 - **Marshall v. Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine**, Case No. 1:18-cv-00631-ECM-WC, 2018 WL 4955211 (M.D. Ala. Oct. 12, 2018). Obtained dismissal of ADA and due process claims against school.
 - **Ex parte Birmingham Airport Auth.**, 274 So. 3d 964 (Ala. 2018). Obtained writ of mandamus requiring dismissal of all claims against client due to statutory immunity defense.
 - **In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation**. Represented foreign manufacturer of bearings in defending against class-action antitrust lawsuit.
 - **Brady v. NFL** ("Deflategate"). Represented former New England Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady in arbitration and court proceedings challenging his four-game suspension imposed by the NFL.
 - **Rice v. NFL**. Represented former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice in successfully challenging suspension imposed by NFL.
 - **Peterson v. NFL**. Represented NFL running back Adrian Peterson in arbitration and court proceedings challenging his suspension under the NFL Personal Conduct Policy.