



## Brian J. Markovitz

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*"Empathy is key to getting the right result for the client. If you can't put yourself in the client's shoes, you can't know how best to approach their situation. It's important that my clients know that I understand what they're going through."*

Brian Markovitz is a principal in the firm's Labor and Employment and Civil Litigation practice groups who focuses primarily on helping victims who have suffered severe injustice in the workplace. He represents individuals throughout Maryland, the Washington D.C. area and across the country in complex employment litigation and appellate matters involving wrongful termination, retaliation by employers in response to reporting fraud or misconduct and discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age and sexual orientation.

Brian is nationally recognized as a leading practitioner in the representation of whistleblowers in individual and class action suits involving employer violations of the federal False Claims Act. His clients span numerous industries – health care, pharmaceuticals, construction plus many more – and he has unique ability to hold companies and individuals accountable for engaging in massive fraudulent schemes and retaliating against clients who have the courage to blow the whistle. Popular news sources such as The Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, Bloomberg BNA, and The Wall Street Journal often ask Brian to provide commentary on high-profile whistleblower cases litigated throughout the country.

Brian has achieved successful outcomes in numerous whistleblower actions. He has represented a government contractor in Afghanistan who blew the whistle on his employer's misappropriation of government funds. Brian's investigation uncovered fraudulent subcontracts worth nearly \$20 million that led to the indictments of the scheme organizers and a favorable settlement for his client. He also helped a client blow the whistle on Allergan, the maker of Botox®, based on its off-label marketing of the product for pharmaceutical purposes. The efforts

### **Practice Areas**

Whistleblower (False Claims Act, Qui Tam)  
Labor & Employment  
Civil Litigation  
Appellate  
Administrative Litigation  
Arbitration and Mediation  
Commercial and Business Litigation  
Job Discrimination  
Wrongful Termination

### **Education**

Dickinson College, B.A., 1993  
Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2000

### **Bar Admissions**

Maryland, 2000  
Washington, D.C., 2000

### **Court Admissions**

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia  
U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland  
U.S. District Court Northern District of Illinois  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

of Brian's team ultimately led to Allergan's guilty plea to criminal charges and a total settlement of \$600 million in civil and criminal fines.

Clients trust Brian to help them during their most desperate times, and they appreciate his dedication to correcting injustices that have a tremendous impact on their lives. He brings an individualized and holistic approach to every case, taking into account each client's distinct needs and goals in resolving the dispute. Brian has seen a wide variety of controversies that his clients can encounter in the workplace, and he's fully prepared to protect or enforce their rights in a tough courtroom battle when all other alternatives to resolve the dispute have been exhausted. Brian's goal isn't just to win the case - it's also about helping each client in every way he can.

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