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Jim O'Brien is an associate at Goodell DeVries, where he represents clients involving corporate governance, business transactions, intellectual property protection and management, and commercial disputes. In addition, Jim handles estates and trusts matters, creating personalized estate plans for individuals and families as well as guiding fiduciaries through the estate administration process after a loved one passes away.

Prior to joining Goodell DeVries, Jim served as an in-house lawyer for a global aerospace manufacturer, a litigation associate at a mid-sized law firm, and a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Sally D. Adkins of the Supreme Court of Maryland, the Honorable Melanie M. Shaw of the Appellate Court of Maryland, and the Honorable Yolanda L. Curtin of the Circuit Court for Harford County.

Jim was the Executive Symposium & Manuscript Editor of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law's *Journal of Business & Technology Law*. Upon graduation, he received the William P. Cunningham Award for exceptional achievements and service to the School.

## Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Business and Corporate Law
- Estates & Trusts
- Commercial and Business Tort Litigation

## Court Admissions

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

## Education

- University of Maryland, School of Law (J.D., 2016)
  - William P. Cunningham Award
  - *Journal of Business & Technology Law* – Executive Symposium & Manuscript Editor
- St. Joseph's University (B.S. in Business Administration, 2012)

## Professional Associations

- Maryland State Bar Association – Member, Legal Clinic for Small Businesses (December 2023-Present)

## Professional Experience

- ST Engineering MRAS – Procurement Contracts Manager
- Hassani, Focas & Fifer, P.A. – Associate
- Sinclair Prosser Gasior – Associate
- Anderson, Coe & King, LLP - Associate

## Publications and Seminars

- Co-author with Kaitlin D. Corey, "[Corporate Transparency Act: Treasury Department Ends Enforcement for Domestic Entities](#)," A Universe of IP Insights Blog (March 4, 2025)
- Co-author with Kaitlin D. Corey, "[Corporate Transparency Act: New Deadline for Ownership Information Reports](#)," A Universe of IP Insights Blog (February 24, 2025)
- Author, "[Navigating the 2025 USPTO Trademark Fee Changes: What You Need to Know](#)," A Universe of IP Insights Blog (February 18, 2025)