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Brian Kersey concentrates his practice in aviation law and commercial finance matters. He brings over 30 years of wide-ranging experience as a lawyer and as a banker to bear in providing practical solutions and guiding his clients to successful outcomes quickly and efficiently.

Mr. Kersey is Co-Chair of Bodman's Aviation Law and Finance Practice Group. His aviation law practice encompasses a wide variety of areas, including purchase and sale transactions, regulatory compliance, risk management, tax planning, Part 91 and Part 135 operations, and management and leasing arrangements for both aircraft and hangar space. He has extensive experience in international aviation purchases and sales. His aviation clients range from individuals buying or selling single engine aircraft to family offices and corporate flight departments buying or selling large cabin jet aircraft, with the aircraft being based throughout the United States.

His commercial finance practice includes extensive experience representing both lenders and borrowers in syndicated loan facilities, secured and unsecured term loans (including equipment finance) and revolving credit facilities, real estate and construction lending.

Before joining Bodman, Mr. Kersey practiced law with two highly respected Michigan-based business law firms and in the Grand Rapids office of an AmLaw 200 national law firm. He began his professional career as a commercial loan officer for a major regional bank.

Mr. Kersey is a member of the Michigan Bar Association and a former Chair and the current Secretary of the Aviation Law Section Council.

practices & industries

Aviation Law and Finance

Banking and Finance

education

University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D.

Indiana University, M.B.A., with honors

Central Michigan University, B.B.A.

admissions

Michigan

He is a member of the National Business Aviation Association. He is a long time volunteer fundraiser for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2013-2027, Banking and Finance
- *The Best Lawyers in America* 2019 Grand Rapids "Lawyer of the Year," Banking and Finance Law
- *Michigan Super Lawyer*s, 2023-2026, Banking
- *Grand Rapids Magazine* Top Lawyers 2019-2027, Banking & Financial Services Law
- *Leading Lawyers Network*, Corporate Finance Law

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Aviation Law Section (past Chair and current Secretary)
- National Business Aviation Association
- Notre Dame Club of Grand Rapids

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author (with Darren J. Burmania), "SBA Publishes Guidance and Resources on Section 7(a) Paycheck Protection Program Loans Application Certifications," Bodman COVID-10 Response Team Update, April 2020
- Co-Author (with Darren J. Burmania), "Interim Final Rule Guidance from the SBA on Section 7(a) Paycheck Protection Program Loans," Bodman COVID-10 Response Team Update, April 2020
- Co-Author (with Darren J. Burmania), "Interim Final Rule Guidance from the SBA on Section 7(a) Paycheck Protection Program Loans," Bodman COVID-19 Response Team Update, April 2020
- "CARES Act: Impact to General Aviation Clients," Bodman COVID-19 Response Team Update, March 2020