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## BRIAN T. STEPHENS

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Business Tax Planning

Business Representation

Business Succession Planning

Real Estate Transactions

Mergers & Acquisitions

## ABOUT

Brian T. Stephens is a seasoned corporate attorney and partner at Brown & Streza, LLP, where he specializes in guiding businesses through all phases of growth—from early-stage formation and development to exit strategies. With extensive experience in stock and asset acquisitions, mergers, company reorganizations, real estate transactions, and joint ventures, Brian is known for his practical, results-oriented counsel.

Representing a wide array of industries—including consumer goods, technology, healthcare, manufacturing, and engineering—Brian takes a holistic approach to advising clients. He collaborates closely with his clients' other advisors, including accountants, bankers, and financial professionals, to align business decisions with comprehensive estate and tax planning goals.

As outside general counsel to privately held companies, Brian advises executives and boards on legal strategy and corporate governance. His work also includes legal counsel with company governance documents, transfers of ownership amongst equity holders, incentive compensation, and significant commercial contracts. He also supports clients with risk management and resolution of partner and shareholder disputes.

Brian's commitment to teamwork and collaboration ensures that his clients' business objectives are met efficiently and effectively.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

**Brown & Streza LLP**, Irvine, California

Partner, 2023-Present

Attorney, 2017-2023

**Stephens & Kray**, Newport Beach, California

Attorney, 2013-2017

**Stephens & Carter, LLP**, Newport Beach, California

Attorney, 2012-2013

**Stephens & Kray**, Newport Beach, California  
Attorney, 2008-2012

Juris Doctor, **Pepperdine University School of Law**, 2008

Bachelor of Arts, **University of California, Berkeley**, 2003

Admissions:

**All California State Courts**

**United State District Court for the Central District of California**

**United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

ProVisors – Member

Business Law Section, California State Bar Association – Member

Orange County Bar Association – Member