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AREAS OF FOCUS

[Deferred & Executive Compensation](#)

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EDUCATION

- Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2008)
- University of Michigan, Stephen M. Ross School of Business (B.B.A., with high distinction, 2005)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan
- U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

EXPERIENCE

As an experienced employee benefits attorney, Brian T. Gallagher helps employers navigate the complicated and ever-changing legal landscape of ERISA and the Tax Code.

Brian works closely with employers of all sizes in many different industries to design and maintain their benefit plans. He assists his clients to keep their plans compliant, and to develop practical solutions when mistakes inevitably do occur. He previously chaired the Employee Benefits Committee for the State Bar of Michigan and he was named as a 'Rising Star in Michigan' by Super Lawyers for Employee Benefits in 2014, 2017, and 2018. Brian is also very engaged in the local Lansing community, having served on the boards of numerous local nonprofits.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan
 - Member, Taxation Section Council (2017-Present)
 - Chair, Employee Benefits Committee (2015-2017)
- American Bar Association
- Ingham County Bar Association
- Underground of Good, Co-Chair (2017-Present)
- Highfields, Inc., Board of Directors (2009-2015)
 - Board Chair (2013-2014)
- Grand River Connection, Board of Directors (2011-2016)
 - President (2013-2016)

- Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors (2014-2016)
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HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Named as a 'Rising Star in Michigan' by Super Lawyers for Employee Benefits (2014, 2017, 2018)
 - Associate Editor, Michigan State Law Review (2007-2008)
 - Dean Charles H. King Scholars Program, Michigan State University College of Law (2005-2008)
 - Named one of 'Top 5 under 35' by Ingham County Bar Association, 2013
 - Named one of the "10 over the Next Ten" by the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Grand River Connection, 2013
 - Jurisprudence Awards: Contracts I & Deferred and Executive Compensation
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