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FOCUS AREAS

Finance and Structured
Finance

Mergers & Acquisitions

HIGHLIGHTS

■ Diverse M&A Experience

Brendan advises clients across a wide range of industries and stages of growth, from emerging companies to large multinational corporations. His practice spans public and private mergers, carve-outs, joint ventures, and minority and controlling investments, among other structures. This diversity of experience informs his strategic, pragmatic approach to deal execution.

■ Experienced Dealmaker

Brendan is a trusted advisor on complex, high-stakes transactions. He has successfully structured and negotiated hundreds of strategic transactions and regularly counsels companies, boards of directors, and senior management teams on matters requiring sound judgment and practical solutions.

EXPERIENCE

Brendan Ripley Mahan is a partner in Wilson Sonsini's mergers and acquisitions group. He advises public and private companies, boards of directors, and senior management teams on strategic transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, carve-outs, joint ventures, and minority and controlling investments. His work spans domestic and cross-border matters in North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. Brendan primarily represents clients in the technology and life sciences sectors and also advises companies in the fintech, enterprise software, e-commerce, cybersecurity, and semiconductor industries, among others.

Brendan's practical counsel is informed by prior experience in capital markets and syndicated lending practices, allowing him to successfully navigate complex financial and structural issues.

Brendan serves on the firm's Career Development Committee.

Prior to joining Wilson Sonsini, Brendan practiced in the corporate group of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York and clerked for Deputy Chief Justice Mary Noble of the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Cornell Law School
Cum Laude
- B.A., Economics, Western Washington University
Magna Cum Laude

Admissions

- State Bar of New York
- State Bar of Washington

MATTERS

Representative Transactions

- Acxiom in its \$2.3 billion sale of its Marketing Solutions business to IPG
- Ampere in its \$6.5 billion sale to SoftBank Group
- Blue Nile in its \$500 million sale to Bain Capital
- CloudSimple and Pointy in their sales to Google
- DoorDash in multiple acquisition transactions
- Fastball in its \$4.175 billion sale of a minority stake in FanDuel to Flutter
- Mastercard in its acquisition of NuData Security
- Mulesoft in its \$6.5 billion sale to Salesforce
- Nutanix in multiple acquisition transactions
- Peloton Therapeutics in its up to \$2.2 billion sale to Merck
- Pismo in its \$1 billion sale to Visa
- Skyscanner in its £1.4 billion acquisition of Trip.com
- Twilio in multiple acquisition transactions
- Veeva in multiple acquisition transactions
- Zscaler in multiple acquisition transactions

INSIGHTS

Select Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, “Growth Through Acquisition: Buy Side Overview and Insights,” Fall 2025 M&A Bootcamp, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center Webinar, October 24, 2025
- Panelist, “M&A Strategy for Early-to-Mid-Stage Entrepreneurs,” Fall 2024 M&A Bootcamp, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center Webinar, August 28, 2024
- Panelist, “M&A Strategy for Early-to-Mid-Stage Entrepreneurs,” Winter 2023 M&A Bootcamp, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center Webinar, February 22, 2023