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Brian Nieves is a partner at Holtzman Vogel, where he advises clients on government investigations, white collar defense, regulatory compliance, congressional oversight, and high-stakes enforcement matters. Drawing on senior roles at the U.S. Department of Justice, Congress, and the White House, Brian brings extensive experience navigating the legal, regulatory, and political dynamics that shape complex disputes and government-facing matters. law, policy, and government operations.

Prior to joining the firm, Brian served as Chief of Staff and Associate Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he drove Department-wide policy and enforcement priorities and coordinated across DOJ components, federal agencies, and the White House on sensitive legal and regulatory matters. He advised senior Department leadership on high-profile issues involving national security, complex criminal matters, congressional oversight, and executive action implementation. Concurrently, Brian served as Chief of Staff for Policy in the Office of the Associate Attorney General, supporting Department-wide policy coordination across the DOJ's civil, regulatory, and enforcement components. During his tenure at the Department, Brian also helped lead confirmation strategy and preparation for a United States Court of Appeals nominee and served as a representative for the Department on the Board of Advisors of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Earlier in the Administration, Brian served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel for Policy.

Before joining the Department of Justice, Brian served on the Trump-Vance Transition, where he led Senate confirmation strategy and preparation for multiple presidential nominees, including the Deputy Attorney General and several Assistant Attorneys General. He previously served as Deputy Chief Counsel for Oversight on the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary, where he advised Members of Congress and senior Committee staff on constitutional, regulatory, and oversight matters, led complex congressional investigations, and coordinated with federal law enforcement agencies on oversight policy matters.

Earlier in his career, Brian was a Special Assistant to the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and held multiple positions in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel, ultimately serving as Director of Appointments. He also served as a legal intern in the Office of White House Counsel and the Office of Management and Budget.

***Admitted in New Jersey only. Not admitted in the District of Columbia. Practicing under the supervision of other partners who are members of the District of Columbia Bar.*

Education

- Rutgers Law School, J.D.
 - Managing Articles Editor, *Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy*
 - Secretary, Federalist Society
- Rutgers University, B.A., Political Science with Minor in History

Bar & Court Admissions

- New Jersey Bar

Clerkship/Government Experience

- Chief of Staff & Associate Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
- Chief of Staff for Policy, Office of the Associate Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
- Department of Justice Representative, Board of Advisors, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Deputy Chief Counsel for Oversight and Senior Counsel, U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary
- Special Assistant to the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Director of Appointments, White House Office of Presidential Personnel
- Legal Intern, Office of White House Counsel
- Legal Intern, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President
- Judicial Extern, Hon. Peter G. Sheridan, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- Judicial Intern, Hon. Eduardo C. Robreno, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania