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Brandon Mickelsen is an associate in the firm's Franchise & Distribution practice group. Brandon assists clients in franchise-related deal structuring and due diligence by identifying key issues and risks and reviewing franchise law compliance. He also assists clients in drafting commercial contracts, franchise disclosure documents, franchise and development agreements and other applicable governing documents.

Before attending law school, Brandon worked as a supply chain analyst for a Minnesota based manufacturing company. He brings extensive supply chain experience to his practice, which lends to clients in various industries including construction and restaurant, food & beverage. Brandon previously clerked for the Honorable Matthew E. Johnson at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. He is also an alumnus of the Lathrop GPM Summer Associate program.

In his free time, Brandon enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing softball and broomball, managing his fantasy football team, and drumming in a local band.

Areas of Focus

Services

[Franchise & Distribution](#)

[Franchise M&A](#)

[International Development](#)

Credentials

Education

- University of St. Thomas School of Law, J.D., 2022, magna cum laude
 - Dean's Award: Lawyering Skills II and Judicial Writing, Administrative Law, Conflict of Laws
 - Managing Editor, *University of St. Thomas Law Journal*

- President, Public Service Board

- Iowa State University, B.S., Supply Chain Management with a minor in Accounting, 2015, summa cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
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Presentations

- Co-presenter, "From Idea to Expansion: Launching, Growing and Sustaining Your Business," Neighborhood Development Center, December 2, 2024 and January 29, 2025
 - Co-presenter, "Let's Talk Franchising: An Introduction for Prospective Franchisors and Franchisees," Neighborhood Development Center, October 3, 2024
 - Co-presenter, "Let's Talk Franchising: An Introduction for Prospective Franchisors and Franchisees," Neighborhood Development Center, May 23, 2024
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Publications

- Comment Author, "[Combating the Racial Wealth Gap: A Government- and Corporate-Centric Approach](#)," *University of St. Thomas Law Journal*, Vol. 19, Iss. 1, Article 9, February 2023
- Co-author, "Reason and Faith – Restorative Processes and Catholic Social Thought in Response to Corporate Harm," The Freedom, Subsidiarity, and the Spirit of Gift Conference, June 2022
- Comment Author, "[China's Moonshot: How the Introduction of the Digital Renminbi Furthers China's Societal Grip and Threatens the Future of Digital Currencies](#)," *University of St. Thomas Law Journal*, Vol. 15, Iss. 2, Article 33, April 2022

Community Involvement

- Law Clerk for the Honorable Matthew E. Johnson