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Brian Urankar focuses his practice representing clients in the transportation industry, primarily serving railroad and trucking companies. Brian represents major freight railroads facing lawsuits under the Federal Employers' Liability Act, the Federal Safety Appliance Act, the Locomotive Inspection Act, grade crossing accidents, toxic exposure claims, and whistleblower complaints. He serves his clients in state and federal court during every phase of litigation, from initial critical incident response through trial and appeal. In addition to his transportation practice, Brian also handles a variety of matters involving premises liability, personal injury, and construction defect claims. Brian frequently handles high-exposure cases involving serious personal injury and wrongful death.

Prior to joining Hall & Evans, Brian spent four years on active duty as a judge advocate in the United States Marine Corps. He frequently handled internal investigations, provided ethical guidance to commanders and legal advisors, served as government counsel during administrative hearings, and prosecuted misdemeanor and felony-equivalent courts-martial. As an ethics counsel, Brian served on a small team charged with investigating the death of a recruit at Parris Island. This investigation garnered substantial national media attention and led to a widespread cultural shift across the Marine Corps. Brian also served as the lead trial counsel for the 2nd Marine Division, where he supervised a team of prosecutors handling a wide variety of criminal offenses at one of the busiest installations in the Marine Corps.

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***Education***

JD: University of  
Denver Sturm  
College of Law, 2014

Certificate:  
Environmental and  
Natural Resources  
Law

BA: Saint Louis  
University, 2010  
Political Science

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***Bar Admissions***

Colorado, 2014

***Professional Associations***

National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel

***Professional Experience***

Judge Advocate, United States Marine Corps, January 2015 – March 2019