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Prior to joining CDT in January 2010, Mr. Brookman was Chief of the Internet Bureau of the New York Attorney General's office. Under his leadership, the Internet Bureau was one of the most active and aggressive law enforcement groups working on internet issues, and Mr. Brookman brought several groundbreaking cases to protect the rights of online consumers. He brought the first regulatory actions against spyware and adware companies, as well as against the advertisers who funded those companies. He also brought several privacy cases against companies who misused or misappropriated consumers' personal information, including the first enforcement of Gramm-Leach-Bliley's restrictions on the use of consumer financial data. In 2009, Mr. Brookman brought the first case against a company for "astroturfing" --- or seeding internet message boards and blogs with fake positive reviews. He also brought important actions to preserve free speech online and to preserve network neutrality.

Mr. Brookman previously worked as a litigation associate for six years at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP in both its New York and Washington offices. He received his J.D. from the New York University School of Law in 1998 and his B.A. in Government and Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia in 1995.