



**BRIAN DEMPSEY**  
DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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As Government Affairs Director, Brian Dempsey manages Wounded Warrior Project's government affairs team in Washington, DC. Since joining the organization in 2016, Brian has led successful legislative campaigns focused on expanding health care access, benefits, and other support to wounded, ill, and injured veterans, Service members, and their caregivers. During this time, he has helped develop more than 40 congressional hearing statements and managed the execution of over 2,000 lobbying hours in support of the organizations public policy priorities.



Prior to joining Wounded Warrior Project as Staff Attorney for Advocacy Initiatives, Brian served as an Attorney Advisor with the Board of Veterans' Appeals from 2013 to 2016. In this capacity, Brian prepared over 200 decisions for Veterans Law Judges on claims for service-related disability benefits. His high performance earned him selection to a Board program that afforded opportunities to shadow senior Board leadership and assist with the development of new Board policies on decision writing procedures.

Brian is a 2005 graduate of the University of Miami and leveraged his Florida roots to begin his policy career in Washington, DC. Brian held positions with former Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) and former Representative John Mica (R-FL-7) before leaving the city to attend Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem, NC. As a law student, Brian served on the Board of the Wake Forest Law Review and competed for the school's American Association for Justice (AAJ) Trial Team. He is currently a member of the North Carolina State Bar and the New Jersey State Bar.

Brian was raised in Montclair, NJ, and currently resides in Washington, DC.

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