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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. He has played a key role in helping the organization translate its direct programming insights and experiences working with wounded warriors across the country into public policy strategies to benefit veterans of all service eras.



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. He is a 2024 graduate of the George W. Bush Presidential Center's Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program, where his capstone project focused on assisted living services for veterans with traumatic brain injuries.

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

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