

Brian J. Rooney, Esquire

Brian Rooney was born on October 28, 1972, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received a B.A. in History from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts in June of 1995. While at Williams College, Brian participated as a four year student-athlete on the Williams NCAA Division III football team that went undefeated his senior year. Upon completion of his senior year, Brian backpacked around the world for a year.

Brian Rooney enrolled in and attended the Florida State University, College of Law, Tallahassee, FL from 1996-1999. While a student, he served as the Constitutional Law teaching assistant/tutor to Prof. Mark Siedenfeld. While attending FSU Law School - in the Summer of 1998 - Brian attended Officer Candidates School (officer's version of "Boot Camp"). He earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant via the Platoon Leaders Course program, in August 1998. Brian received his Juris Doctorate (with Honors) in June 1999 from FSU Law School.

Brian was admitted to the Bar of the State of Florida in October of 1999, the District of Columbia Bar in October of 2000, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in January of 2002, and subsequently to the Michigan Bar on May 20, 2008.

Following completion of the Basic Officer's Course in Quantico, Virginia in October of 2000, and the Naval Justice School in December of 2000, Brian Rooney was assigned to the Joint Law Center, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona in January 2001. Brian was promoted to the rank of Captain in August of 2001. He served as the Senior Defense Counsel for the majority of his tour in Yuma, and received a prestigious medal from the Secretary of the Navy for his work there.

Captain Rooney transferred to MCAS Miramar in August of 2003 and was assigned as the Senior Prosecutor for a year. Capt Rooney deployed with the Third Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) as the Deputy In-House Counsel in support of OIF II.2. While in Iraq, Capt Rooney was sent to assist the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Najaf, Iraq to help rebuild the city and win the hearts and minds of the

inhabitants. Captain Rooney was later assigned to Regimental Combat Team-1 (1st Marine Division) as the Deputy In-House Counsel for over a month to help in re-populating, rebuilding, and winning the hearts and minds of the populace during and after the second battle for Fallujah, Iraq. Captain Rooney was tasked with primarily designing, planning, and implementing the largest Humanitarian Assistance site in Fallujah to process over 25,000 refugees back into the city after the battle. Captain Rooney was awarded a prestigious medal from the Secretary of the Navy for his work in Iraq. Upon Captain Rooney's return to the USA, he was maintained as the Deputy In-House Counsel for Third MAW for six additional months. Captain Rooney also served as the Chief Prosecutor (Military Justice Officer) for MCAS Miramar during this same six-month period. Captain Rooney resigned his commission from the Marine Corps on October 01, 2006 and received an honorable discharge. Upon completion of this tour, Captain Rooney was awarded a third prestigious medal from the Secretary of the Navy. Brian is now a Major in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Brian Rooney moved his family from San Diego, CA to the Ann Arbor, MI area to work at the Thomas More Law Center, a public-interest, non-profit, Catholic law firm dedicated to defending life, traditional family values, and religious freedom for Christians. Brian accepted a position as attorney and spokesman at the Law Center to help raise awareness for the Christian issues advocated by the Law Center.

Brian Rooney comes from the famous "Rooney Family" out of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Art Rooney, Sr., founded the Pittsburgh Steelers. His family still owns the Steelers. Brian replaced his father Patrick Rooney, Sr., on the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Steelers.