ArentFox Schiff LLP
Attorneys

Jacob Blais

ASSOCIATE

Jacob is an associate in ArentFox Schiff's Chicago office, where he focuses on complex class action litigation and trade secrets matters. His diverse professional background has required him to adapt quickly, tackle unfamiliar challenges, and perform under pressure.



Practices

Complex Litigation
Trade Secrets, Noncompetes & Employee Mobility

Languages

Spanish
Portuguese

Education

Washington University in St. Louis, JD, cum laude, 2025
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Jacob first joined ArentFox Schiff as a summer associate in 2024, beginning the path to his current practice in complex class action litigation and trade secrets matters—work that calls on the same adaptability, quick learning, and composure under pressure he developed throughout his varied professional background.

Client Work

- As part of three-person trial team, obtained reversal of expulsion and reinstatement for a student upon ruling that high school violated Illinois State law in its procedural failures.
- As part of three-person trial team, obtained reversal of termination and over $500,000 in damages for a state employee upon ruling that the municipality violated his procedural due process rights.

Previous Work

Before joining ArentFox Schiff, Jacob deliberately pursued roles that placed him in unfamiliar and demanding environments. As an extern with the Orleans Public Defenders, he confronted high-pressure public defense work; in Robert Bosch LLC's international trade department, where he interned in-house, he navigated the complexity of cross-border regulation; and through Washington University's Post-Conviction Clinic, he developed the patience and analytical discipline required to revisit difficult cases. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mozambique in the Public Health field, adapting to a new culture and resource-constrained setting. Each experience sharpened his ability to learn quickly, adjust his approach, and remain effective amid uncertainty—qualities that make him well-suited for demanding litigation.

Life Beyond the Law

Outside of work, Jacob enjoys The New Yorker Crossword puzzles, supporting Brighton Soccer, as well as the New Orleans Saints Football team.

Bar Admissions

Illinois