

# Brian Burke

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## Education

### **Georgetown University Law Center J.D. 1981**

- Honors: Law Review: *Law and Policy in International Business*, the Georgetown International Law Journal

### **Marquette University B.A. 1978**

- Honors: *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
- Alumni Service to Marquette Award 2001

## Professional experience

### **Wisconsin State Public Defender 2009-present**

- Assistant State Public Defender in the Milwaukee Trial Office providing legal services to indigent clients in the criminal justice system

### **Harambee Development Corporation 2007-2009**

- Development Coordinator—Responsible for developing Harambee's economic redevelopment plan for the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor

### **SER-Jobs for Progress 2007**

- Case Manager for the Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP) Program

### **Zigman Joseph Stephenson 2004-2006**

- Government relations specialist—contract lobbyist at the state and municipal level representing both corporate and non-profit clients

### **Wisconsin State Senator 1988-2003**

- Chaired the Joint Finance Committee, 1996-2002
- Authored Wisconsin's Smart Growth (land use) legislation and Operation Ceasefire (joint federal-state program to enforce firearms restrictions)
- Authored significant legislation in the areas of housing reform (1989), brownfields remediation (1994), mass transit (1995) and domestic violence (2002)

## Honors and Awards

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault *Voices of Courage in Public Policy Award*, 2000

Greening Milwaukee, *Promise to the Earth Award*, 2001

Legal Action of Wisconsin *Partners for Survival Award*, 2000

Wisconsin's Environmental Decade *Clean 16 Award*, 1989-2002

United Community Center, *Friend of the Hispanic Community*, 1994

Nature Conservancy, *Bridgebuilder Award*, 1994

Cesar Chavez Humanitarian Award, 1994

Wisconsin Jewish Council, *Friend of the Jewish Community Award*, 1994

**Publications**

"Breaking Free From Environmental Liability," *Wisconsin Lawyer*, Vol. 70, No. 12, December 1997

"Operation Ceasefire—New Weapons in the Fight Against Gun Violence in Wisconsin," *Wisconsin Lawyer*, Vol. 73, No. 3, March 2000.