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**Brian Fending** (He/Him)

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Black Squirrel Distillery



Dec 2012 - Sep 2019

Co-founded and led craft distillery from concept to commercialization, bringing four unique maple-based spirits to market while scaling operations significantly. Developed operational standards and quality control protocols enabling consistent production and regulatory compliance frameworks for TTB reporting and multi-state distribution. Built vendor ecosystem across raw materials, packaging, and fulfillment while ensuring regulatory alignment and cost-effective quality. Led company through exit by acquisition, including due diligence, asset transfer, and operational continuity planning.

CrowdBouncer [Fintech Platform]



Feb 2013 - Dec 2014

Associated with Strategic Technology Consulting Practices

Architected high-availability, API-based compliance platform for fintech startup, leading technology strategy for regulatory automation in emerging equity crowdfunding market following the JOBS Act. Designed scalable infrastructure supporting automated investor verification, KYC compliance, and regulatory reporting for SEC- and FINRA-regulated financial operations. Built secure transaction processing and integrations with institutions including the IRS, meeting financial services security standards. Managed development teams through product lifecycle, Series A technical due diligence, and platform pivot to RenterID for property management applications.

Cowork Buffalo



Jan 2010 - Jan 2012

Associated with Strategic Technology Consulting Practices

Co-founded Western New York's first coworking space, establishing infrastructure and community that supported over 200 entrepreneurs and freelancers. Designed and implemented collaborative workspace technology including shared network infrastructure, including expansion into a larger space in 2011. Built partnerships with organizations and institutions, creating programming that supported regional entrepreneurship and technology adoption. Successfully established sustainable operations model that continued operating independently.



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