



Blake Bernet Chief Legal Officer

Blake Bernet joined the Corner Bakery Cafe team in 1996 as corporate counsel, moving into the restaurant business from a transactional law practice with a large Dallas firm. In 1998, Blake shifted his focus from law to development, taking over leadership of Corner Bakery Cafe's development team. Then, in May of 2014 Blake was promoted to Chief Legal Officer, overseeing the increasing legal efforts that come with Corner Bakery Cafe's fast-paced accelerated growth, as well as legal matters for its sister brand, Il Fornaio.

In 2006, when Corner Bakery Cafe split from Brinker International, Bernet took on a dual legal and development role. As General Counsel and Senior VP of Development, he acted as the company lawyer and led the development team, which included new cafe development (the building of new cafes from site selection through design, construction and opening) and facilities (cafe maintenance and remodeling).

From the very beginning, Blake has enjoyed helping to build the sense of community that exists in each cafe, among the members of the cafe support teams, and now, with the franchisees who are helping to grow the brand.

Blake received his undergraduate and law degrees from Southern Methodist University where he met his wife, Nancy. They have three daughters whom they love spending time with, and Blake enjoys playing music of all kinds. He can often be heard around the office playing "Happy Birthday" and "Happy Anniversary" on his ukulele.

Favorite Corner Bakery Cafe Menu Item:

"The BBLT, a featured item during the summer – six delicious slices of applewood smoked bacon, cracked pepper balsamic mayo and fresh, ripe, locally grown tomatoes ... wow!"