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Prior to his career at Warner, Thibodeau was a senior leader and Appointments Division Director within the Executive Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer. In this role, he directly advised the governor on appointments to judicial seats, as well as more than 250 boards, commissions, and authorities. His role in the executive branch managed and engaged over 2,300 appointees across all regions in Michigan, spanning a wide range of issues including but not limited to economic development, education, law, public safety, health care, agriculture, professional licensure and interest advocacy.

Before the Executive Office, Thibodeau was an associate with Varnum LLP and with Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC. He practiced general litigation at both firms and crossed into data privacy, cybersecurity, mobility, municipal and regulatory matters. Thibodeau was a summer clerk with the Michigan Supreme Court and an international fellow to the Supreme Court of India through the Stewart International Fellowship.

Thibodeau earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science and an Associate of Arts in journalism from DePaul University. He earned his Juris Doctor from Indiana University, Maurer School of Law where he was president of the Student Bar Association, notes editor for the Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality and served on the editorial board for the Indiana Journal of Constitutional Design. While at Indiana University, Alex received a peer-selected award for being the most significant contributor to student life.

