

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Baker & Daniels

Barnes & Thornburg

Recommended

Bingham McHale

Bose McKinney & Evans

Ice Miller

Krieg DeVault

Locke Reynolds

Taft Stettinius & Hollister

Indiana

Although some may not think Indiana serves as a hotbed of activity in groundbreaking litigation, the past year proves disbelievers wrong. The region comes under scrutiny for the case *Crawford v Marion County Election Bd*, to effectively decide whether or not Indiana's ballot systems violate a voter's Constitutional rights. The Supreme Court decided to uphold the law, therefore requiring voters to bring some form of government issued identification, like a driver's license, with them to the polls in November.

Highly recommended firms

With its main office in Indiana, **Baker & Daniels** continues its strong reign over the state's litigation market. The firm maintains two offices in Indianapolis, one in South Bend and another in Fort Wayne. Litigation areas include antitrust, business torts, aviation, bankruptcy, securities, trade secrets, insurance and class actions. Recent casework includes an internet pharmacy antitrust case in the US District Court of Eastern Texas for client, Medco Health Solutions. The judge ruled in summary judgment for the client. The firm recently won a victory for client Eli Lilly and Company in a wrongful death case. The jury ruled in favor of the client on all terms, and the plaintiff received no monetary damages. The firm continues to expand with the recent addition of Jeff Heck to its South Bend office, as well as a new office in Chicago to meet clients' needs. The firm recently received recognition for creating the Indiana Lawyers for Soldiers program. The pro bono service matches Indiana National Guardsmen in need of legal services with attorneys throughout the state. Clients praise them for their "excellent client services" and "broad range of expertise." Another client notes that the firm delivers "as high of a quality of work as a Chicago or New York City firm, but for a substantially lower price."

Peers commend the work of **David Herzog**, who focuses his practice on business-torts, general commercial, class actions, contracts, securities and corporate governance litigation matters. Clients call **Robert Stanley**, "very responsive" in getting back about time sensitive matters during litigation. Clients appreciate the insurance work of **Chris Scanlon**. "He's very good," says one client. Scanlon also practices in contract, business tort, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, trade secret and environmental liability litigation. **John Tanner** practices in several aspects of product liability litigation. His work includes the

defense of medical devices, pharmaceuticals, motor vehicles and industrial machinery. Peers mention **Andrea Roberts**, who focuses her work on product liability and commercial litigation. Associate **Matthew Albaugh** focuses his work on securities, insurance coverage and unfair business competition litigation. He has significant appellate experience, and handles pro bono cases regularly. **Kathy Osborn** maintains a strong commercial and antitrust litigation practice. Recent work includes helping to defend a concrete antitrust case for client Southfield Corporation in a putative class action lawsuit.

With a formidable presence in the Midwest, **Barnes & Thornburg** continues to practice all areas of law within Indiana. The firm prides itself on offering elements of a national law firm while maintaining a local culture. Litigation areas include class actions, commercial, construction, intellectual property, securities, product liability and toxic torts. The firm, in continuing its ongoing process of expansion, recently began a nanotechnology practice group to service areas of biotechnology, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, electrical engineering and the environment. One recent case involves the defense of Knauf Insulation GmbH in an antitrust class action brought by the US District Court of the Northern District of Georgia. Another case involves successful representation of JPMorgan Chase Bank against two casinos in Indiana.

Stanley Fickle's appellate and litigation work is often recognized by peers for his concentration on public utility regulation, constitutional law matters and other complex commercial issues. As co-chair of the intellectual property group and chair of the business and technology group at the firm, peers recognize **Donald Knebel** litigation work. His most recent case involvement includes the Knauf case, and is often consulted on matters in telecommunications and intellectual property. **Wayne Kreuzer**

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Local litigation stars

Alan Brown Locke Reynolds
David Campbell Bingham McHale
Thomas Costakis Krieg DeVault
Thomas Davis Locke Reynolds
Ronald Elberger Bose McKinney & Evans
Stanley Fickle Barnes & Thornburg
Edward Harris III Taft Stettinius & Hollister
David Hensel Taft Stettinius & Hollister
David Herzog Baker & Daniels
David Kasper Locke Reynolds
Donald Knebel Barnes & Thornburg
Wayne Kreuscher Barnes & Thornburg
Mark Merkle Krieg DeVault
Judy Okenfuss Ice Miller
James Peterson Ice Miller
George Purdy Bose McKinney & Evans
Marc Quigley Krieg DeVault
Andrea Roberts Baker & Daniels
Michael Rosiello Barnes & Thornburg
Chris Scanlon Baker & Daniels
Robert Stanley Baker & Daniels
Joseph Tanner Baker & Daniels
David Tittle Bingham McHale
Alan Townsend Bose McKinney & Evans
Wayne Turner Bingham McHale
Brian Welch Bingham McHale
Philip Whistler Ice Miller

practices extensively on products liability and medical malpractice, and is often lauded for his defense work. **Michael Rosiello** focuses his work several areas of commercial litigation. He frequently lectures and writes about developments in Indiana law. Associate **Jason Barclay** practices litigation in areas of complex white-collar criminal investigations, civil enforcement actions and administrative proceedings. His most recent work involves defense of mayoral candidate, Matt Kely. Representing several areas of litigation, **Robert MacGill** has tried cases for US and foreign companies.

Recommended firms

With offices throughout the state, **Bingham McHale** provides expansive legal services. Also, with its recent merger with McTurnan & Turner, the firm continues to expand the

County Election Bd matter deciding the constitutionality of Indiana's ballot systems in voter identification.

Bose McKinney & Evans has an extensive law practice with experience in a wide range of cases. Clients of the firm include the Indianapolis Colts, Wal-Mart, the City of Indianapolis and Indiana University Anesthesiology Associates. The firm continues to expand its spread with additions to the litigation and intellectual property groups. One recent case involves representation of Mayor Duke Bennett against former Mayor Kevin Burke in the control over the office.

Chairman of the entertainment law practice, **Ronald Elberger** also serves in the appellate practice. Areas of expertise include constitutional rights, entertainment and sports law. **Alan Townsend** practices within

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- *Bingham McHale*

litigation practice in business and various complex matters. The focus of meeting a client's needs “immediately and efficiently” in order to “establish a relationship of trust with their attorneys” continues to drive the firm. Business litigation is the main focus of the firm with areas of practice including construction, health care, insurance, intellectual property, media law, securities and white-collar criminal defense work. One recent case involves successful defense and appellate work for Lawler Manufacturing in a trade secret and patent infringement matter.

Peers frequently commend the complex commercial litigation work of **David Campbell**. One recent case involved the successful defense of Charter One Mortgage Corporation, in a case that was dismissed for failure to state a claim. **David Tittle** represents clients in complex litigation matters including contracts, toxic torts and professional liability. One recent client includes Philip Morris. **Wayne Turner**, originally of McTurnan & Turner, receives accolades for his business litigation work in securities, commercial fraud claims, employment and trade secret matters. Recent representation includes casino companies, Desert Palace and Opbiz. For complex commercial issues, **Brian Welch** focuses on class actions, telecommunications, tax and consumer matters. Recent representation includes The City of Fort Wayne in an eminent domain matter against Utility Center. Associate **Mike Limrick** focuses his work on complex commercial litigation. Recent case involvement includes the headline-grabbing *Crawford v Marion*

several areas of litigation including commercial, contract disputes, insurance, products liability, civil rights and personal injury matters. One recent client includes Brenwick Associates against the Boone County Redevelopment Commission and the Board of Commissioners of Boone County. **George Purdy** specializes in areas of complex commercial, intellectual property and product liability cases. He is well known for his work on asbestos cases. Peers commend the sports litigation work of associate **Peyton Berg**. Practicing in both business and commercial, **Bernie Keller** tries cases in real estate and white-collar crime issues.

With a broad array of legal services, **Ice Miller** continues its work as a top commercial litigation firm in the state. The firm has also received commendation for its health law practice. Clients are in every state as well as international countries including Brazil, France, Japan and Sweden. They include American United Life Insurance, Cummins Engine Company, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Notre Dame University and Wabash Valley Broadcasting Corporation. One of the newest aspects of the firm includes a Green Industries Initiative. The new area will “counsel clients in sustainable development, clean technology, green house gas emissions and energy management.”

Judy Okenfuss represents clients in litigation relating to the defense of products liability and catastrophic injury issues. She also frequently lectures on topics related to product liability matters. Chair of the business litigation practice, **Philip Whistler** handles cases on

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Ice Miller

Rebecca Biller Elmore
Krieg DeVault

Homer Faucett III
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Bernie Keller
Bose McKinney & Evans

Michael Limrick
Bingham McHale

Robert MacGill
Barnes & Thornburg

Kathy Osborn
Baker & Daniels

Trent Sandifur
Taft Stettinius & Hollister

Greg Small
Krieg DeVault

Robert Thornburg
Locke Reynolds

behalf of several Fortune 500 companies. Antitrust, securities, shareholder derivative actions and RICO issues are just a few of the areas in which he defends clients. **James Petersen** handles cases involving insurance coverage, securities, franchise disputes, creditor rights and product liability matters. One past client includes Miller Electric Manufacturing. Associate **Rabeh Soofi Bruder** practices within litigation areas of business, contract, real estate, personal injury and estate/probate matters, and is also heavily involved in the community. Associate **Homer Faucett III** practices within the intellectual property group at the firm. He also counsels universities in regard to “technology transfer processes and licensing of technologies developed in the academic and research sector.”

With offices in Indiana and Illinois, **Krieg DeVault** has built a formidable trial practice in the Midwest. Concentrations include securities, civil, creditor rights, government relations, health care, insurance, energy, real estate, public finance, estate planning and intellectual property matters. Past clients of the firm include American Express, Duke Realty Investments, Indianapolis-Marion County Building Authority and Midwest Natural Gas. The firm continues to grow with the addition of several new associates.

Thomas Costakis is widely lauded for his work on commercial litigation, and has served as lead counsel many times. Recent representation includes the Indiana State Medical Association. **Mark Merkle** specializes in areas of business and tort litigation. Significant client representation includes Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire. **Marc Quigley** focuses his work on product liability, employment, contract, construction, real estate, health care and banking litigation. He also took part in the Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire case. Associate **Rebecca Biller Elmore** focuses her time in litigation with an emphasis on employment law. She is also known for her frequent seminars on e-discovery. Associate **Greg Small** practices within several areas of litigation including class actions, corporate matters, eminent domain and product liability.

As one of the largest firms in Indiana, **Locke Reynolds** has grown significantly from its start some 85 years ago. Litigation is a main focus at the firm that highlights practice areas of “business relationships, products

liability, the construction industry, healthcare issues and tort litigation.” One recent case involves defending the Ford Motors. The case involved alleged airbag related defects that injured a small child. The plaintiffs failed to secure their child into a seatbelt, or put her in the backseat as the Ford owner manual advises. The case was ruled a mistrial and later received summary judgment.

Peers often commend **Alan Brown** for his work within the trial section for his work through the litigation process or advice on how to avoid trial. **Thomas Davis** focuses his work on personal injury defense and business litigation and often represents retail and manufacturers companies. Former managing partner **David Kasper** focuses his work on professional malpractice and insurance matters, and now chairs the firm’s insurance group. Clients often turn to **Robert Thornburg** to handle cases relating to product liability, breach of warranty, premises liability, warranty claims and automobile negligence cases.

With two offices in Indiana, **Taft Stettinius & Hollister** has a diverse law practice. In a recent move to expand services to clients, the firm merged with local firm Sommer Barnard. The merger, now creating a firm of more than 300 lawyers, will benefit many of the existing practice areas. Taft also recently opened a Phoenix, Ariz. office, thus adding to its expanding base in the Midwest. Major focus areas within litigation include antitrust, construction, trusts, media law, patent, securities, sports and white-collar criminal defense.

Edward Harris III often handles cases within business litigation with an emphasis on antitrust and class actions. His litigation work includes serving as co-counsel on a case against the tobacco industry for the State of Indiana in a case that recovered more than \$4 billion for the state. **David Hensel** most often focuses his work on complex criminal and civil litigation. He is frequently involved in white-collar criminal prosecutions in regulatory matters. Associate **Tracy Betz** focuses her work on business and contract disputes, intellectual property, securities and employment litigation, and can frequently be seen in both state and federal courts. **Trent Sandifur** works in both the white-collar criminal defense and intellectual property practice groups, and is actively involved in the Army Reserve.