

# INDIANA

## Local litigation firms

### Highly recommended

Baker & Daniels

Barnes & Thornburg

Bingham McHale

Frost Brown Todd

### Recommended

Bose McKinney & Evans

Ice Miller

Krieg DeVault

Taft Stettinius & Hollister

## Local litigation stars

### Nelson Alexander

Frost Brown Todd  
Appellate, Business Litigation, Products Liability

### Jackie Bennett

Taft Stettinius & Hollister  
Commercial Litigation, White Collar Crime

### Alan Brown

Frost Brown Todd  
Commercial Litigation, Insurance

### Terri Bruksch

Barnes & Thornburg  
Personal Injury, Products Liability

### David Campbell

Bingham McHale  
Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property, Products Liability, Securities

### Thomas Costakis

Krieg DeVault  
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury, Products Liability, Trade Secrets

### Thomas Davis

Frost Brown Todd  
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury

### Thomas DeVoe

Taft Stettinius & Hollister  
Employment Litigation

### Ronald Elberger

Bose McKinney & Evans  
Appellate, Entertainment Law, Health Law

### Stanley Fickle

Barnes & Thornburg  
Appellate

### James "Jay" Ham

Baker & Daniels  
Antitrust, Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property

### Edward Harris III

Taft Stettinius & Hollister  
Antitrust, Appellate, Class Actions

### David Hensel

Taft Stettinius & Hollister  
Intellectual Property, White Collar Crime

### David Herzog

Baker & Daniels  
Complex Commercial Litigation, Securities

### David Irsmscher

Baker & Daniels  
Intellectual Property

### David Kasper

Frost Brown Todd  
Insurance, Professional Malpractice

### Donald Knebel

Barnes & Thornburg  
Antitrust, Intellectual Property

### Wayne Kreuscher

Barnes & Thornburg  
Medical Malpractice, Products Liability

### Jon Laramore

Baker & Daniels  
Appellate

### Jeffery Mallamad

Bingham McHale  
Business Litigation, Employment Litigation

### Mark Merkle

Krieg DeVault  
Business Litigation, Employment Litigation

### Scott Morrisson

Krieg DeVault  
Commercial Litigation, Employment Litigation, Insurance, Personal Injury, Trade Secrets

### Karl Mulvaney

Bingham McHale  
Appellate, Commercial Liability, Products Liability, Professional Liability

### Judy Okenfuss

Ice Miller  
Products Liability

### James Petersen

Ice Miller  
Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Products Liability

### George Purdy

Bose McKinney & Evans  
Complex Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property, Medical Malpractice, Products Liability

### Marc Quigley

Krieg DeVault  
Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Products Liability

### Andrea Roberts

Baker & Daniels  
Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability

### Michael Rosiello

Barnes & Thornburg  
Class Actions, Trade Secrets

### Christopher Scanlon

Baker & Daniels  
Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Products Liability, Securities, Trade Secrets

**Steven Shockley**

Taft Stettinius & Hollister  
Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Employment  
Litigation, Securities

**Geoffrey Slaughter**

Taft Stettinius & Hollister  
Antitrust, Appellate, Commercial Litigation,

**Robert Stanley**

Baker & Daniels  
Complex Commercial Litigation

**Joseph Tanner**

Baker & Daniels  
Products Liability

**David Tittle**

Bingham McHale  
Complex Commercial Litigation

**Alan Townsend**

Bose McKinney & Evans  
Business Litigation, Products Liability

**Wayne Turner**

Bingham McHale  
Antitrust, Appellate, Commercial Litigation,  
Professional Liability, Securities, Trade Secrets

**Brian Welch**

Bingham McHale  
Agribusiness and Energy, Antitrust, Appellate,  
Business Litigation, Professional Liability, Securities

**Philip Whistler**

Ice Miller  
Antitrust, Corporate Litigation, Securities

Future stars

Peyton Berg  
Bose McKinney & Evans

Paul Hunt  
Barnes & Thornburg

Bernie Keller  
Bose McKinney & Evans

Robert MacGill  
Barnes & Thornburg

Kathy Osborn  
Baker & Daniels

Greg Small  
Krieg DeVault

Robert Thornburg  
Frost Brown Todd

Paul Wolfla  
Baker & Daniels

Joseph "Jay" Yaeger  
Baker & Daniels



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Indiana's still-thriving manufacturing and agricultural economy remains stubbornly self-sufficient, which has spared it some of the pain felt as a result of business failures in more populous states. Indiana lawyers are seeing an increasing number of cases being referred to local firms as more prominent litigation markets like Chicago and Detroit are becoming saturated with work. Intentionally or not, this can benefit clients by offering them a fresh perspective and potentially greater attention than they might receive from a firm in a larger metropolitan area.

## Highly recommended firms

### Baker & Daniels

Baker & Daniels continues to be one of the most highly touted firms in the state. The firm has two offices in Indianapolis, one in South Bend and one in Fort Wayne. "They have a rock-solid reputation in Indiana," claims a client.

Peers and clients alike describe **David Herzog** as very experienced in general commercial litigation and products liability work. **Robert Stanley** possesses "exceptional knowledge of the law, is a fantastic writer and in general does a wonderful job," according to one client. **Christopher Scanlon** is praised by clients and peers for his products liability and insurance work. One client remarks that "Chris was key in negotiating with insurance companies and good at strategizing all the options. He's a very creative guy." One client calls **Kevin Toner** "an extremely bright, strategic thinker." **Jon Laramore** is noted for his appellate work, and **James "Jay" Ham** is recommended for his work in commercial litigation. **Joseph "Jay" Yaeger** receives near unanimous praise from competitors and clients, who describe him as "the best of the best," "a go-to guy" and "exceptional."

### Barnes & Thornburg

With four offices in Indiana, as well as offices in Chicago, Grand Rapids, Columbus and Minneapolis, Barnes & Thornburg has an impressive reputation in the Midwestern litigation market, especially with regards to intellectual property. In July 2009, lawyers at the firm obtained an injunction on behalf of Hacienda Mexican Restaurants to stop an Illinois-based advertising company from conducting an advertising campaign using the Hacienda name.

Peers describe **Donald Knebel** as "outstanding, and among the best in the city," with a practice concentrating on patent and trademark infringement actions, antitrust and unfair competition, improper termination of distributors and sales representatives, and violation of non-competition agreements. **Michael Rosiello** concentrates on commercial disputes, including contract, trade secret, and class action issues. **Terri Bruksch** represents businesses and individuals in a variety of litigation encompassing pharmaceutical and general products liability litigation, commercial

and residential construction, personal injury, and general commercial contract disputes. Peers note that **Randall Brown** and **Paul Hunt** are future stars in the intellectual property field, with clients such as Roche and Wells Fargo seeking their expertise.

### Bingham McHale

Competitors praise Bingham McHale as "strong in litigation, and worthy of more recognition" for its trial-ready approach to litigation. With locations in Indianapolis, Vincennes and Jasper, the firm remains dedicated to Indiana clients first and foremost, despite a growing national presence. Its list of local clients includes Simon Property Group, WellPoint and 3M.

**Brian Welch** is noted for his commercial litigation and contract work. He represents **Constantinos P. Angelopoulos**, a prominent Greek businessman, in an action for conversion and fraudulent transfer of Mr. Angelopoulos' ownership interest in Beta Steel Corp., estimated to be worth over \$130 million. Peers mention **David Tittle's** commercial litigation practice. He represents National City Bank in an action against a commercial escrow account customer regarding \$2 million in forged mortgage payoff checks. A competitor acknowledges **Karl Mulvaney** as "a top appellate lawyer," and "someone lawyers around the state call upon to try appellate cases." In the last year, **David Campbell** has successfully represented Saint-Gobain Containers in a dispute with Hornell Brewing relating to contractual issues and pricing policies.

### Frost Brown Todd

Frost Brown Todd makes its debut in the Indiana rankings after absorbing the firm of Locke Reynolds in 2008. With 475 lawyers across mid-America, the firm now operates throughout ten offices in five states including Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia. In Indiana, it maintains offices in the state's two key markets of Indianapolis and Fort Wayne.

**Nelson Alexander** has extensive trial and appellate experience representing clients in business litigation and products liability matters. **Patricia McCrory** concentrates on business and complex litigation, representing a wide range of clients including corporations, not-for-profit entities, health care providers,

financial institutions, gas stations, dry cleaners and insurers.

## Recommended firms

### Bose McKinney

Indianapolis-based Bose McKinney maintains three offices within the state as well as one in North Carolina and another in Washington, D.C. The firm counts Quaker Oats, the Indianapolis Colts, and MetLife Insurance as clients. **George Purdy** is co-chair of the firm's litigation group, and he assists clients with a variety of complex business and commercial litigation, including medical malpractice claims, hospital credential disputes, intellectual property litigation, products liability and asbestos defense, and defense of class actions. One peer dubs him "one of the best you'll find."

### Ice Miller

Full-service firm Ice Miller offers a broad array of practice areas through its offices in Indianapolis and DuPage County. The firm was rumored to have been in merger talks with Kentucky firm Greenebaum Doll & McDonald, with terms left unclear as to who would absorb who, but the merger has yet to materialize. **Judy Okenfuss** focuses her practice on products liability, risk management, and crisis management. In 2008, she litigated the case of *Ramos v. Playtex Products, Inc.* which concerned Playtex's sale of "Fridge to Go," which was alleged to be constructed from a vinyl fabric containing dangerous levels of lead. **Philip Whistler** is also noted for his work in antitrust and trade regulation, franchising, corporate and securities litigation, and shareholder litigation.

### Krieg DeVault

Peers call Krieg DeVault a "very good bankruptcy firm," although its total practice is broader in scope and includes commercial and real estate lending, securities law, civil litigation, creditors' rights and bankruptcy, and intellectual property. The firm counts five locations in the state, and additional offices in Chicago, Atlanta, and Boca Grande, Florida. Litigator **Thomas Costakis** is noted for his commercial litigation and products liability work. Clients include RJ Reynolds, who Costakis has represented since 2001.

### Taft Stettinius & Hollister

Ohio-based Taft Stettinius & Hollister is making inroads in Indiana with two offices in the state. **Edward Harris** is co-chair of the firm's Litigation Department. Last year he served as national class counsel for direct purchasers of diamonds from De Beers in a litigation that resulted in a \$295 million recovery for plaintiffs. Peers credit **Jackie Bennett** for the behind-the-scenes legwork he performed for Kenneth Starr's team during the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Peers mention **Steven Shockley** and **Frank Deveau** for their appellate and environmental litigation practices, respectively.

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Donald E. Knebel is a partner in Barnes & Thornburg LLP, resident in the Indianapolis, Indiana office. He is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Law Department, and co-chair of BTech, the firm's Business and Technology Group.

Mr. Knebel's practice concentrates on cases involving claims of patent infringement, violations of the antitrust laws, unfair competition and trademark infringement, improper termination of distributors and sales representatives, and violation of non-competition agreements. He has been involved in cases in 23 states and has tried cases to verdict in 10 states. He is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since the first edition in 1983 (Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Antitrust, Bet-the-Company Litigation). He has been identified by *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business* publication as "the best in Indiana for patent litigation." A survey by *Mondaq*, an English company, identified him as one of the most recommended lawyers in the world in the field of patent law.

Mr. Knebel has lectured widely to many types of groups on assuring compliance with antitrust laws and related topics. He is also a frequent speaker on the use of technology, including animation, in patent cases. Mr. Knebel has written numerous articles, several published in recognized journals, involving antitrust laws and the protection of intellectual property. He is coauthor of the Indiana chapter of *State Antitrust Practice and Statutes*, published by the American Bar Association.

Mr. Knebel received a B.S.E.E. with highest distinction from Purdue University in 1968 and worked from 1968 to 1971 as an electronics design engineer for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. He received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1974 and joined Barnes & Thornburg that same year. Mr. Knebel is admitted to practice in Indiana and before the First, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh and Federal Circuits, as well as several federal district courts.