



**George M. Plews**  
*Partner*

George Plews has practiced for thirty years as a successful appellate and trial advocate. He was lead counsel in the key cases (*American States v. Kiger*, *Hartford v. Dana*, *Travelers v. Summit*, *Allstate v. Dana* and others) that have shaped Indiana insurance coverage law. George's environmental law practice spans a range of matters, including the prosecution and defense of claims involving state and federal environmental statutes, cost recovery claims, toxic torts and governmental enforcement actions. Resulting decisions that made new law include *IDNR v. United Refuse*, *IDEM v. Chemical Waste Management* and *Cooper v. City of South Bend*. George's litigation practice includes a wide range of other complex cases, including products liability, finance, class actions, and personal injury cases. He represented the State of Indiana in successful litigation against the tobacco companies, and was co-counsel in bringing some of the first class actions in the country challenging banks' incorrect handling of adjustable rate mortgages.

In 2009, George was named a Distinguished Barrister by the Indiana Lawyer. His yearly listings in "Best Lawyers in America" and Indiana "Super Lawyers" (for both environmental and insurance coverage law) commenced respectively in 2001 and 2004. George has an AV peer rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

George has authored over 50 articles, including five published law review articles. He is a frequent speaker before legal, trade association & business groups, including ICLEF's "Masters" seminar series. George has taught sections of mediation and environmental law courses at the Indiana University School of Law- Indianapolis.

George holds or has held leadership positions with a host of community and legal organizations. He serves as Chancellor of the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes and has served on numerous corporate and civic boards of directors. He is a fellow of the Indiana and Indianapolis Bar Foundations.

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**Education**

J.D., 1979, *cum laude*, Harvard Law School

M.A., 1981, Worcester College, Oxford University  
Honours B.A., 1976 (Politics, Philosophy and Economics), Worcester College, Oxford University

A.B., 1974, *magna cum laude*, (Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs), Princeton University

**Licensure**

State of Indiana, 1979

United States Supreme Court, 1991

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1981

United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 1979

United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 2004