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OVERVIEW

Andrea Townsend focuses her practice in the areas of environmental law, commercial real estate, zoning and land use, business and commercial services, insurance coverage, and complex litigation. Andrea regularly assists clients with all aspects of environmental matters, including due diligence investigation, compliance, cleanups, cost-recovery actions, and Brownfield redevelopment. She has successfully navigated numerous clients through corporate and real estate transactions, including advising on corporate formation strategies, negotiating complex asset, stock, or real estate purchase or lease agreements, and assisting clients in completing requisite transactional due diligence. Andrea also frequently works with policyholders in a wide array of insurance coverage matters, including archeology searches for policies, claims handling, coverage disputes, and risk management and policy procurement. She also represents clients before zoning boards, planning commissions, and local legislative bodies throughout the State of Indiana. Her clients include real estate investors and developers, non-profit entities, municipalities, industrial/manufacturing businesses, dry cleaners, and petroleum and agricultural companies.

Additionally, Andrea focuses a portion of her practice on appeals, having participated from both the judicial and advocacy perspectives in Indiana's state appellate courts and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Prior to joining the firm, Andrea worked in various public sector roles including with the former-Chief Justice of Indiana, the Honorable Brent E. Dickson, the Honorable Tim A. Baker of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and the Honorable Margret G. Robb of the Indiana Court of Appeals.

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AWARDS

- 2026, Finalist, Indy's Best & Brightest
- 2023, Indianapolis Sailing Club Volunteer of the Year
- 2022-2023, Selected for inclusion in *Indiana Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star
- 2021, Indiana Lawyer's Up and Coming Lawyer Award
- 2017, Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, Indiana State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section
- 2013, Faculty Prize, Robert H. McKinney School of Law – most outstanding graduate in terms of scholarship, leadership, and service.
- 2011, Barrister and Top Advocate in Preliminary Rounds, Robert H. Staton Moot Court Competition
- 2010, Valedictorian Candidate, University of Notre Dame
- 10-year 4-H Member, Tippecanoe County

EDUCATION

- J.D., *summa cum laude,* Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- B.B.A., *summa cum laude,* Accounting, University of Notre Dame

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

AFFILIATIONS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, IndyCREW, an affiliated chapter of CREW Network (Commercial Real Estate Women) (2020-Current), Co-Chair Mentor Committee (2026)
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association – Business Law, Environmental, Litigation, Probate Trust & Real Property, and Young Lawyers Sections (Current); Litigation Section Council (2012–15; 2016–22; Chair 2020–21); Secretary, ISBA Board of Governors (2019–20); Leadership Development Academy, Class III (2014); Young Lawyer Liaison and Advisor, ISBA Law Student Committee Board (2016–19)
- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association – Business, Environmental, Insurance Coverage, Young Lawyers, and Women in the Law Sections (Current); Indiana Appellate Institute Moot Judge 2015-Present, IndyBar Review Working Committee

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(2014–2020)

- Member, Marion County Bar Association (2021-Current)
- Barrister, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court (Associate, 2013-16) (2017-Current)
- Member, Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society
- Member, Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society (Accounting)
- Member, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- President, Indianapolis Sailing Club Academy, Inc. (2022–Current)
- Rear Commodore, Indianapolis Sailing Club, Inc. (2021–Current; Board Member 2021–Current; Chair of the Women on the Water Program 2017–Current; Club Historian 2017–2023
- Board Member, Hillsborough Community Association (2017-2019; President 2019)
- Member and Red Mass Planning Committee, St. Thomas More Society (2017-Current)
- Judge, McKinney School of Law Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition
- Judge, We the People Competition

ARTICLES & EVENTS

- 2026 | Presenter
  Carbon Sequestration: The Science, State Approaches, and Your Next Contract, Indianapolis Bar Association

- 2025 | Co-Author
  Indiana Publishes New Carbon Capture Sequestration Regulations

- 2025 | Presenter
  Carbon Sequestration: The Science, State Approaches, and Your Next Contract, Environmental Legal Network Annual Meeting

- 2025 | Presenter
  Navigating the Subdivision Process and Constitutional Issues and Case Law, National Business Institute Seminar on Land Use and Zoning in Indiana

- 2024 | Presenter
  Celebration for the Honorable Randall T. Shepard, McKinney-Shepard Inn of Court (spoke about impact of case of *Price v. State* on Indiana constitutional law)

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- 2024 | Presenter
  The Important Role of the Judicial Codes of Conduct McKinney-Shepard Inn of Court, Judicial Independence

- 2023 | Presenter
  Insurance Issues in Commercial Real Estate, Indianapolis Bar Association

- 2023 | Co-Author
  Sylvia & Townsend: New Phase I Standards, *IndyCREW Newsletter*

- 2023 | Co-Author
  Relue, Connor & Townsend: The future's so bright (I gotta wear shades), *The Indiana Lawyer*

- 2022 | Co-Author
  Sylvia & Townsend: Environmental Due Diligence is a Key Component to Commercial Real Estate Transactions – Know the Risk?, *IndyCREW Newsletter*

- 2022 | Speaker
  The Impact of Plessy and Brown: Then and Today, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court

- 2020 | Co-Author
  Sylvia & Townsend: Environmental Due Diligence is a Key Component in a Buyer's Commercial Real Estate Transaction – What's the Risk?, *The Indiana Lawyer*

- 2020 | Speaker
  Discovery & Environmental Consultants: What to Produce and What is Privileged, Indianapolis Bar Association

- 2020 | Author
  Can You Quit Your Contract? Force Majeure and COVID-19

- 2019 | Panelist
  Ethics in Legal Practice and Communication, Indiana State Bar Association Litigation Section

- 2018 | Author
  See Purple? Check the Property Lines to Avoid Trespassing, *The Indiana Lawyer*

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- 2018 | Co-Author
  Plews, Hirschten & Townsend: A Response to *Dreaded*: Pre-Tender Costs Should Be Recoverable Absent Prejudice in Indiana, *The Indiana Lawyer*

- 2018 | Co-Author
  Romig & Townsend: The Clock May Not Stop on the Deadline to File Your Class Action

- 2018 | Speaker
  The Separation of Powers Doctrine in Indiana: From Political Theory to Constitutional Reality & Interpretation In Indiana Supreme Court Precedent, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court

- 2017 | Author
  Leasing Your Property for Hunting? Ask a Lawyer

- 2016 | Speaker
  The Art of Bluebooking, Indianapolis Bar Association

- 2015 | Speaker
  Magna Carta, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court

- 2014 | Speaker
  The 3 R's of Indiana Election Law Disputes: Redistricting, Recounts, and Residency, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court

- 2014 | Co-Author
  J. Sullivan & Townsend, Leading Academic, Business, and Government Figures Convene to Examine Law and the Financial Crisis, 47 Ind. L. Rev. 11 (2014)

- 2013 | Speaker
  Law and the Financial Crisis, Indiana Law Review Symposium

- 2013 | Author
  Admission of Hearsay through Rule 106: And Now You Know the Rest of the Story, 46 Ind. L. Rev. 11. 499 (2013)

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