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PRACTICES

BUSINESS
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LITIGATION
REAL ESTATE

INDUSTRIES

AGRIBUSINESS
EDUCATION & SCHOOLS
ENERGY & UTILITIES
HEALTH CARE & LIFE SCIENCES
INDIVIDUALS & CLOSELY HELD BUSINESSES
MANUFACTURING
MUNICIPALITIES & GOVERNMENT
NONPROFIT & RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
PETROLEUM MARKETERS
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION
TECHNOLOGY
WASTE SERVICES

OVERVIEW

Jeff Claflin is a 35-year veteran of the firm, becoming a law clerk in 1988, an associate in 1990, and a partner in 1996. He worked in the Indianapolis office through 2008, twice serving as the managing partner, until moving to manage the firm’s one satellite office in South Bend, Indiana. Though still in South Bend, Jeff was elected by his partners again in 2023 to manage the entire firm, including the firm’s home offices in Indianapolis.

Jeff’s practice initially focused on environmental law, having come to the firm from the Office of Policy and Regulatory Analysis at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Since the early ‘90s, Jeff has worked primarily on insurance coverage cases, representing policyholders in complex disputes involving multiple cleanup sites and insurers, as well as non-environmental matters. He has represented several policyholders, large and small, in various coverage actions, including: Eli Lilly & Company, Vectren, Raybestos, the City of Angola, Guidant Corp., PSI Energy, the City of Warsaw, Standard Fusee Corporation, CenterPoint Energy and Hoosier Energy. By published decisions or by settlement, in cases where Jeff has either managed or assisted, hundreds of millions of dollars have been recovered for PSRB clients.

AWARDS

- Eisenhower Scholar
- 2009: Selected as Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Association Foundation
- 2012-2026: Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*®
- 2015-2021: Selected for inclusion in *Indiana Super Lawyers – Insurance Coverage*



EDUCATION

- J.D., 1990, Indiana University Indianapolis – Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- Three years of graduate study in the Anderson University School of Theology
- B.A., 1981, Business Administration & American History, Anderson University

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Indiana, 1990
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 1990
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 1990

EXPERIENCE

- *PSI Energy, Inc. v. Home Ins. Co.*, 801 N.E.2d 705 (Ind. Ct. App. 2004)
- *Gen. Housewares Corp. v. Nat'l Sur. Corp.*, 741 N.E.2d 408 (Ind. Ct. App. 2000)
- *Ind. Glass Co. v. Ind. Mich. Power Co.*, 682 N.E.2d 886 (Ind. Ct. App. 1998)
- *Governmental Interinsurance Exchange v. City of Angola*, 8 F. Supp. 2d 1120 (N.D. Ind. 1998)
- *Hartford Accident & Indem. (Dana I) v. Dana Corp.*, 690 N.E.2d 285 (Ind. Ct. App. 1997)
- *Town of Montezuma v. Downs*, 685 N.E.2d 108 (Ind. Ct. App. 1997)
- *Nat. Gas Odorizing, Inc. v. Downs*, 685 N.E.2d 155 (Ind. App. 1997)
- *Kiger v. Am. States Ins. Co.*, 662 N.E.2d 945 (Ind. 1996)
- *Ind. Dep't of Env'tl. Mgmt. v. Chem. Waste Mgmt. of Indiana, Inc.*, 604 N.E.2d 1199 (Ind. Ct. App. 1992)

AFFILIATIONS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Indiana State Bar Association
- Member, St. Joseph County Bar Association

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Board Member, Eisenhower Memorial Scholarship Foundation
- Board Member, Horizons Urban Student Enrichment Program



ARTICLES & EVENTS

- 2009 | Speaking Engagement
Speaker, “The Legal Side of Green,” WNIT-FM Green Expo, South Bend, Indiana