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OVERVIEW

Josh Tatum focuses much of his practice on appeals and nonprofit organizations. He has participated in more than fifty appeals as an advocate in Indiana appellate courts, the U.S. Supreme Court, and lower federal appellate courts for the Sixth, Seventh, and Eleventh circuits. Before entering private practice, he spent two years working closely with the Chief Justice of Indiana.

Josh actively participates as a member of Indiana's appellate bar. He serves in leadership of the appellate sections of both the Indiana State Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Association. He chairs the Indiana Appellate Institute, a program of the Indianapolis Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section that provides panels of volunteer judges to moot cases for lawyers preparing for appellate arguments. He also serves on the amicus committee for the Indianapolis Bar Association's appellate practice section, which regularly files amicus briefs on questions of Indiana procedure. And he led the most recent update to the Indiana State Bar Association's guide for pro se litigants with cases before Indiana's appellate courts.

Josh advises religious organizations and other nonprofits on a variety of legal issues including employment issues, taxes, zoning, landlord-tenant, and corporate governance. He began a weekly podcast in 2016 covering legal issues for faith communities called *Law Meets Gospel*, which is also the name of his blog.

In addition, Josh represents businesses in employment matters, environmental issues, insurance coverage, and commercial law.



AWARDS

- 2012, Harrison Legal Writing Award, 3rd Place co-recipient as contributor to Randall T. Shepard's "Jesse W. Weik: The Young Indiana Lawyer Who Made *Herndon's Lincoln Possible*," *Res Gestae*, Vol. 55, No. 2 (September 2011)
- 2013, Graduate of the Indiana State Bar Association's 2013 Leadership Development Academy
- 2013, Recipient of *Indiana Lawyer's* Up and Coming Lawyer Award
- 2014-2020, Selected for inclusion in *Indiana Rising Stars—Appellate*

EDUCATION

- J.D., 2008, Vanderbilt University Law School
- M. Div., 2008 Vanderbilt Divinity School
- A.B., 2003, (Political Science and History), *summa cum laude*, Wabash College

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Indiana, 2008
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 2010
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 2010
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2012
- United States Supreme Court, 2016

EXPERIENCE

- *Adamowicz v. Anonymous*, 112 N.E.3d 228 (Ind. Ct. App. 2018)
- *Town of Knightstown v. Wainscott*, 70 N.E.3d 450 (Ind. Ct. App. 2017)
- *T.M. v. Adult & Child Mental Health Ctr., Inc.*, 2016 Ind. App. Unpub. LEXIS 303, 50 N.E.3d 154 (Ind. Ct. App. Mar. 15, 2016)
- *Meredith v. Pence*, 984 N.E.2d 1213 (Ind. 2012) (representing several religious colleges and universities as amicus)
- *Witt v. Jay Petroleum*, 964 N.E.2d 198 (Ind. 2012)

AFFILIATIONS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS



- Barrister, Indianapolis American Inn of Court (2009–Present)
- Member, American Bar Association, Litigation Section (Appellate Practice Committee), Judicial Division Appellate Judges Conference, Business Law Section (LLCs, Partnerships, and Unincorporated Entities Committee, Nonprofit Organizations Committee)
- Treasurer, Indiana State Bar Association, (2017-2018), Member, Budget Committee (2014–18, Chair 2016–17), Appellate Practice Section (Vice Chair, 2018-present, Secretary, 2017-18, Section Council member 2014–present, Treasurer 2016–17), Leadership Development Academy Committee (2013–19), Parliamentarian to the House of Delegates (2018-19)
- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association, Appellate Practice Section (Vice Chair 2019, Secretary 2018, Treasurer 2017) Executive Committee 2013–Present, Indiana Appellate Institute (Chair 2017–present), Amicus Committee (Chair 2019))
- Member, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Attorneys Association (2011–Present)

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Wabash College Task Force on Regional Groups (2019)
- Parliamentarian, North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly (2019)
- Member, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Churchwide Committee on Discipline (2011-2017)
- Indiana YMCA Youth and Government Advisory Board (2008–present) (Chairman 2009–2017)
- Member, Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the ELCA Synod Assembly Advice and Counsel Committee (2012–present)
- Church Council and Education Director, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (2009–2015)
- Board Member, Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men (2010–present, Secretary, 2016, Treasurer, 2017, Vice President, 2018, President, 2019)
- Parliamentarian, Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the ELCA Synod Assembly (2012–present)
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary Summer Seminary Sampler Advisory Board (Member, 2011–2017) (Chair, 2013–2016)
- Judge, McKinney School of Law Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition (2012)
- Judge, McKinney School of Law National Professional Responsibility Moot Court Competition (2013)
- Judge, Indiana State Bar Association Law Student Conclave Moot Court Competition (2017)



ARTICLES & EVENTS

- Speaker
“Fiduciary Duties of Church Boards”
- 2019 | Speaker
ABCs of CBD in Indiana, Indiana Pharmacists Association Annual Convention,
- 2018 | Speaker
Speaker, “Basics of a Not-for-Profit: Governance, Taxes, and Employees,” National Sheriffs’ Association, Committee of State Sheriffs’ Association fall meeting
- 2016 | Speaking Engagement
Speaker, “Legal Issues Related to the Aging Workforce”, Indiana State Bar Association Utility Law Section’s Spring Seminar
- 2016 | Speaker
“Appellate Practice Section Task Force Report on Indiana Supreme Court Practice and Rules,” ISBA Annual Meeting
- 2015 | Speaker
“Magna Carta and the Roots of Due Process,” McKinney-Shepard Indianapolis Inn of Court
- 2014, 2019 | Publication
Editor, Indiana State Bar Association Handbook for Pro Se Appellate Litigants, *Going It Alone: A Step-by-Step Guide to Representing Yourself on Appeal in Indiana*
- 2013 | Speaking Engagement
Speaker, What’s Fair in Love, War, and Social Media?, Indianapolis American Inn of Court 2013
- 2012 | Speaking Engagement
Speaker, Sinning Boldly: One Lutheran Lawyer’s Trials in Discerning & Answering His Call, Wabash College 2012
- 2012 | Speaking Engagement
Speaker, Selected Indiana Cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, Indiana Supreme Court Legal History Lecture Series (with Justice Frank Sullivan, Jr. and Indianapolis American Inn of Court team)