

## Beau Browning

Associate



### Biography

Beau Browning concentrates his practice in civil litigation, primarily medical malpractice defense. He defends hospitals, physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, long-term care facilities, clinics, and other health care providers against medical malpractice claims.

Beau represents providers at all stages of litigation, from the Medical Review Panel through subsequent claims in Indiana state courts and the Indiana Court of Appeals. He has represented individuals and businesses in jury trials in both state and federal courts.

### Representative Matters

- *Sparkman v. Community Health Network*, 213 N.E.3d 1085 (Ind. Ct. App. 2023), *trans. Denied*.

Obtained a unanimous Opinion from the Medical Review Panel in favor of the defendant hospital in a case involving burns sustained during surgery. Successfully obtained summary judgment from the trial court, which was unanimously upheld by the Indiana Court of Appeals. Both courts agreed that the *res ipsa loquitur* exception did not apply to excuse the requirement for expert testimony refuting the Panel Opinion.

- *Hayes v. Sturtevant, et al.*, 49D05-2010-CT-035840

Obtained a unanimous Opinion from the Medical Review Panel in favor of the defendant physician. Moved for summary judgment, which plaintiff opposed with the affidavit of an independent expert. Deposed the expert, and successfully used the expert's own deposition testimony against him to negate his affidavit testimony and obtain summary judgment in favor of the defendant physician.

- In addition, Beau has successfully obtained dozens of unanimous Opinions from Medical Review Panels for his clients, including general surgeons, neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, cardiologists, pulmonologists, OB-GYNs, oncologists, intensivists, hospitalists, and family medicine physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, as well as nurses, emergency room staff, and radiology staff.

### Education

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, JD, 2015 *cum laude*  
Ball State University, BS, Political Science and Economics — double major, 2012, *cum laude*

### Bar & Court Admissions

2015

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 2015
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 2015

### **Community Activity**

- Volunteer Judge, Hon. Robert H. Staton Moot Court Competition, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law: 2022 – present

### **Practice Areas**

- Health Care
- Insurance
- Medical Malpractice Defense

### **Associations**

- Indiana State Bar Association
- Indianapolis Bar Association
- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
- Indiana Rural Health Association
- Indiana Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ISHRM)