

James W. Riley Jr.

Of Counsel

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Biography

Since 1972, Jim Riley has concentrated his practice on litigation. As lead or local counsel, he represents manufacturers, insurers, financial institutions, and other businesses in litigation in state and federal trial, and appellate courts. Cases handled include contract and insurance coverage disputes, products liability cases, trademark and patent infringement actions, and professional liability claims. He has tried more than 20 cases to jury verdicts. He has served on the Local Rules Advisory Committee of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana since 2000.

Jim is also an experienced neutral. As a member of the American Arbitration Association panel of commercial arbitrators since 2006, he is also on the AAA Large and Complex Commercial Case Panel. He is on the AAA Mediation and Consumer Mediation Panels. Additionally, Jim is on the Indiana Panel for [National Arbitration and Mediation](#).

He has handled a variety of cases including disputes involving: contracts for supply of goods and services, employment, indemnity; insurance coverage; crop insurance claims; automobile dealer franchises; credit card accounts; and first party insurance claims. He also served as a mediator in the Indianapolis Bar Association's innovative Settlement Week Program and continues to serve as a mediator in commercial and business cases. He was the Medical Review Panel Chair in more than 150 medical malpractice cases.

Representative Matters

- Defended owner from claims in excess of 70 million dollars relating to construction accident property damage and prosecuted related insurance coverage action.
- Represented manufacturers in catastrophic injury products liability actions to defense verdicts.
- Represented manufacturer in multiple fatality wrongful death products liability action to defense verdict.
- Represented telecommunication company in trademark and patent infringement actions.
- Represented generic drug manufacturers in ANDA patent infringement actions.
- Represented bank in Directors and Officers liability and insurance coverage actions.
- Represented retailer in commercial action against banks.

Education

University of Michigan,
JD, 1972

Purdue University, BS,
1969

Bar & Court Admissions

- Indiana, 1972
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1975
- U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, 1973
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 1972
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 1972

Awards & Recognitions

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rated
- *Indianapolis Monthly* Top Lawyers
 - Arbitration: 2026
- The Best Lawyers In America®
 - Arbitration: 2024 – present
 - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships): 2026 – present
 - Commercial Litigation: 2024 – present
- Indiana Super Lawyers
 - Business Litigation: 2004 – present
- *Sagamore of the Wabash*
Awarded by Indiana Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, October 4, 2006
- Indiana State Bar Association
 - *Presidential Citations*, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2007, 2012, and 2016
 - Litigation Section Civility Award, October 17, 2013

Practice Areas

- Arbitration / Mediation / Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Business Contract Disputes
- Insurance Defense / Insurance Coverage
- Product Liability

Associations

- American Arbitration Association (AAA) — Commercial Arbitration Panel, Large and Complex Case Panel, Commercial Mediation Panel, Consumer Mediation Panel
- National Arbitration and Mediation — Indiana Panel
- American Bar Association
 - House of Delegates, 2005 – 2006
- Indiana State Bar Association
 - President, 2005 – 2006
 - Chair, House of Delegates, 2003
 - Board of Governors, 1997 – 1999, 2001 – 2003
- Fellow: Indianapolis, Indiana (Board of Directors, 2004) and American Bar Foundations
- Federal Bar Association
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- United States District Court – Southern District Local Rules Advisory Committee, 2000 – present
- Indianapolis Bar Association
 - Board of Managers, 11th District Representative, 1997 – 1999
- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
 - Board of Directors, 1996 – 1999
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel
- Defense Research Institute

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

American Arbitration Association (AAA) ®

- AAA® eDiscovery in the Real World: Perspectives from the Experts, the Advocates, and the Neutrals, 2026
- AAA® Exclusive First Look: Proprietary AI Governance Research, 2026
- AAA® Case Finances: Key Guidance for Arbitrators, ACE 26, 2026
- AAA® Dangerous Liaisons: Ethical Perils for Construction Arbitrators and Advocates, 2025
- AAA® Changing Hats in Arb-Med-Arb: Does it Work?, 2025
- AAA® Arbitration Tech Toolbox: Mastering Digital tools for Enhancing Your Arbitration Practice (Hearing Exhibits & Tech), 2025
- AAA® AI Arbitrator: Fairness, Efficiency, and Trust — Reimagined, 2025
- AAA® AI & Cyber Threats: Practical Strategies for Personal Resilience, 2025
- AAA® Panel Dynamics: Best Practices for AAA Tripartite Panel Arbitrations, 2025
- AAA® Discovery in Arbitration: Recent Developments, Best Practices and AI's Impact, 2025
- AAA® Innovation Meets Integrity: Navigating Technology in Arbitration, ACE 25, 2025
- AAA® Crafting Compliant AAA Awards: Structures, Fees, and Best Practices, 2024
- AAA® Disclosure Dynamics in Arbitration ACE 24, 2024
- AAA® Managing Cases with Self-Represented Parties ACE 02, ADS 02, 2023
- AAA® Panelist Security & Safety Training ACE 23, 2023
- AAA® Process Essentials for AAA Arbitrators ACE 22, 2022
- AAA® Impartiality: Do You Know Where Your Biases Are? ACE21 2021
- AAA® Cyber Security: A Shared Responsibility ACE20, 2019
- AAA® Sexual Harassment Presentation for AAA Panelists, 2019
- AAA® Case Finances: What Arbitrators Need to Know ACE19, 2019
- AAA® Arbitrator Performance and Demeanor — Meeting Participant Expectations ACE18, 2018
- AAA® Red Flags & Risk Areas: Challenges to Arbitrator Authority ACE14, 2017
- AAA® Conducting Research & Investigations: The Arbitrator's Authority ACE09, 2016
- AAA® Avoiding Ten Common Missteps Arbitrators Make ACE10, 2015
- AAA® Principled Deliberations: Decision-Making Skills for Arbitrators, 2014
- AAA® Managing the Arbitration Process for Efficiency & Economy Following the Preliminary Hearing, 2013
- AAA® Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards ACE01, 2010
- AAA® Dealing With Delay Tactics in Arbitration ACE04, 2010
- Indiana State Bar Association Arbitration Forum, 2008
- AAA® Arbitrator I Training: Fundamentals of the Arbitration Process, 2006
- ABA ADR Section, 2nd Arbitration Training Institute, 2005
- Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, ADR: Executive Negotiation, Mediation & Arbitration, 2005