

Raymond T. Seach

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Biography

Ray Seach is an AV-Rated attorney focusing on litigation and transactions involving products, premises, environmental, aviation, shareholders, contracts, financing, and insurance matters. He has significant jury trial experience representing local, regional, and national companies. Ray has also litigated appeals to the Indiana Court of Appeals, and has argued before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ray also represents companies and their owners with business formation, shareholder agreements, financing, acquisitions, leasing, franchising, and shareholder disputes. Through his work as a Certified Public Accountant before attending Indiana University's Maurer School of Law, Ray gained experience with auditing entities and their financial statements, which provides a strong foundation for his work as a litigation and business lawyer.

Representative Cases

Commercial Litigation:

- Defended an international HVAC manufacturer in its Indiana product liability and contract claims related to fires, property damages, and other losses.
- Represented a major CSST manufacturer in its Indiana product liability claims related to gas plumbing lines, and related fire loss claims.
- Obtained summary judgment or declaratory judgment in numerous large-loss construction accident, and construction defect coverage cases.
- Prosecuted claims by a corporation against a former employee and his business for breach of fiduciary duties, resulting in a favorable verdict at trial for the corporation.
- Obtained defense verdict at trial for former employees in claims by employer for alleged conversion and breach of fiduciary duties.
- Prosecuted claims by former business owner against the current owners for breach of fiduciary duty, which led to a significant settlement for the client.
- Following a significant fire, defended two jury trials against the property insurer for alleged bad faith in denying the property owners' claim, which resulted in settlement of the claim for less than 10 percent of the alleged damages.

Insurance Coverage and Defense:

- Represented insurers in a wide variety of construction defect, accident, property, and other insurance coverage cases.
- Obtained summary judgment or favorable settlements for insurers in a large number of coverage cases.
- Secured favorable results for insureds and insurers as defense counsel in hundreds of cases.

Education

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 1993

University of Notre Dame, BBA, *with High Honors*, 1986

Bar & Court Admissions

- Indiana, 1993
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 1993
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 1993
- U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, 1993
- Certified Public Accountant in California (currently inactive)

Representative Cases *continued*

Transactions:

- Represented numerous clients, large and small, in transactions involving stock purchases, stock sales, asset purchases, asset sales, and financing matters.
- Represented major shareholder in takeover efforts regarding public corporation and related share disposition.
- Assisted large manufacturer with sale of more than twenty Indiana plant locations.
- Represented franchisor of nursing home services in obtaining required franchise registrations and preparing franchise agreements and disclosures.
- Represented franchisees in review and evaluation of franchise documents.

Aviation:

- Represented aircraft operators in numerous over-spray cases and negotiated successful resolutions of those cases.
- Defended multiple catastrophic fire claims related to major fire losses, and other aircraft damage claims.

Injury Litigation:

- Obtained defense verdict at jury trial for claims against property owners related to serious personal injuries arising out of the property owners' alleged failure to properly control animals on their property.
- Obtained defense verdict at jury trial related to injuries resulting from misuse of a moped by a minor.
- Defended a catastrophic injury claim against a product manufacturer through challenges to the Plaintiff's expert, leading to a favorable settlement for the manufacturer.
- Obtained numerous Orders granting Summary Judgment for manufacturers in mass tort litigation claims.

Associations

- Indiana State Bar Association
- Indianapolis Bar Association
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

Legal 500 Elite

- Commercial Disputes: 2026

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- Litigation — Insurance: 2022 – present

Martindale-Hubbell AV Rated

American Jurisprudence Award in Negotiable Instruments

Community Activity

- Notre Dame Alumni Association
- Indiana University Alumni Association
- Heartland Church

Practice Areas

- Aviation
- Arbitration / Mediation /Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business & Corporate Law
- Business Litigation
- Business Contract Disputes
- Business Contract Drafting & Negotiation
- Business Entity Selection & Formation
- Business Mergers & Acquisitions
- Construction
- Construction Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Real Estate & Leasing
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance
- Insurance Defense / Insurance Coverage
- Land Use & Planning
- Non-competition Covenants
- Product Liability
- Real Estate, Land Use & Zoning
- Shareholder & Partnership Disputes
- Toxic Tort
- Transactions