



Public and private sector business clients alike trust commercial litigator Bart Karwath to look out for their best interests and safeguard their position. Bart helps his clients solve serious problems by focusing on the merits of each case and seeking the best possible outcome.

Bart concentrates his practice on utilities, condemnation, government, municipal, UCC/sales, contracts, construction, commercial lease, real estate, franchise, civil RICO and ERISA litigation matters. Valued for his consistently thorough preparation, Bart is diligent when it comes to understanding the details and talking points of each case in which he is involved.

In addition to representing private and public sector clients in state and federal courts, Bart has served as lead litigation counsel for large electric transmission line projects involving the acquisition of utility easements through eminent domain. These projects involved new transmission lines spanning hundreds of miles over thousands of parcels. Bart was responsible for hundreds of lawsuits filed in more than a dozen different courts.

Bart makes a point of understanding each client's priorities in order to provide the right approach. He is appreciated for designing solutions that are not only creative, but also effectual when up against opposing counsel and when helping clients through a dispute.

Professional and Community Involvement

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Fellow, Indiana Bar Foundation

Member, Indiana State Bar Association

Former chair, Indiana State Bar Association Pension and Benefit Law

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EDUCATION

Indiana University-Bloomington, (J.D.),
magna cum laude, Order of the Coif,
1991

Indiana University-Bloomington, (B.S.),
public affairs, 1988

BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District
of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern
District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Southern

Special Committee

Former committee member, selection and reappointment of Magistrate Judges at the request of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

Honors

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent, 1999-present

The Best Lawyers in America, 2011-2024; ERISA Lawyer of the Year in 2015, 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2024

Indiana Super Lawyers, 2004-2009, 2011-2017

- District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Supreme Court

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

- Administrative
- Arbitration/Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Benefits and Compensation
- Civil RICO Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Consumer Class Action Defense
- Contract Litigation
- Corporate
- Employee Benefits Litigation
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOP)
- Environmental
- Franchise and Distribution Litigation
- Franchising and Distribution
- Government Litigation
- Litigation
- Non-Compete Litigation
- UCC Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Eminent Domain
- Energy and Utilities
- Motorsports