



Clients value that Charles Backs offers them the same caring advice he gives his own family about how to protect their interests and their finances. In his practice, Charles enjoys helping individuals and families establish and accomplish suitable goals in the area of asset management and protection, in order to guard and protect their futures.

Charles has counseled numerous families regarding wills, revocable living trusts and the funding of those trusts, asset preservation and nursing home expense planning, guardianships, powers of attorney, living wills, and the probate administration process – whether they are in crisis planning mode or looking down the road at what may impact them or their family members.

Charles also assists caregivers and their families in making healthcare decisions for disabled individuals, and he regularly advises veterans and their spouses on the management, preservation, and protection of assets, as well as Medicaid planning.

Because of his depth of knowledge regarding the intricacies of Medicaid programs; nursing home, health agency or in-home care expenses; other healthcare costs; and retirement options, Charles is a trusted adviser. He presents his clients with the available programs, options, answers and opportunities to help them learn what all is out there so they can make the best, most-informed choice.

Charles is a frequent presenter at seminars on Medicaid and estate planning topics throughout the state.

He is also an accredited attorney for the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for Veterans Affairs Benefits before the Department of Veterans Affairs.

# **Professional and Community Involvement**

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#### **EDUCATION**

Valparaiso University Law School, (J.D.), 1996

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### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Indiana

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### LANGUAGES

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# **PRACTICES**

Corporate

Private Client Services, Trusts and Estates

Member, Allen County Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Indiana State Bar Association

Member, State Bar of Michigan

Member, Elder Law Section of the Indiana State Bar Association

Member, National Association for Elder Law Attorneys

Member, Branch County Bar Association

# **Honors**

Fort Wayne Business Journal, Future Forty Under 40, 2007

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