



As lead counsel in numerous jury trials, Bob Devetski has defended his client's rights in litigation involving improper business practices, insurance company denials of coverage, and bad faith and personal injury claims. He represents business interests in a broad range of complex disputes, including insurance coverage and contract claims, corporate and fiduciary litigation and toxic torts.

Bob counsels and assists insurance policyholders presenting liability and property insurance claims that range from environmental contamination to fire and other casualty losses. When Bob sees injustice, particularly in the insurance realm, he is relentless when helping clients pursue their rights and has litigated cases in which he has recovered millions of dollars of coverage.

Bob also advises clients on trust and estate matters. He has drafted estate plans of varying complexity, and represented a broad array of fiduciary and estate representatives, trustees and beneficiaries in will contests, trust contests, fiduciary misconduct and wealth management-related disputes. Regardless of the challenge at hand, Bob makes a point of providing each client with the information and solutions they need, keeping them apprised of all developments and viable options for a favorable conclusion at every turn.

Primarily a trial lawyer, Bob is valued for his ability to identify the facts and strategically position disputes for efficient and expeditious resolution. Particularly in northern Indiana, Bob is known as a respected and esteemed advocate. His dedication to community involvement and local and regional professional organizations allow him not only to serve the community, but also to know the judges before whom he presents his clients' positions.

A Registered Civil Mediator, Bob has mediated more than 100 cases involving business disputes and personal injury claims. Although some mediation skills can be learned, experience is still the key factor in serving as an effective mediator. After more than three decades of successful legal practice, Bob offers veteran perspective and skill in addressing and

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EDUCATION

Indiana University-Bloomington, (J.D.),
1987

Indiana University-Bloomington, (B.A.),
1983

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois (Inactive)

Indiana

Michigan

COURT ADMISSIONS

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

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

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh
Circuit

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Appeals and Critical Motions

Arbitration/Alternative Dispute Resolution

Business Tort Litigation (Tortious
Interference)

Commercial General Liability

Commercial Litigation

Construction

overcoming the emotion that infuses acrimony in a fair and balanced way.

Bob has lectured on insurance and litigation topics in professional, trade and client seminars. He joined Barnes & Thornburg in 2002 after practicing in South Bend at the firm Devetski & Jensen, P.C.

Professional and Community Involvement

Former president, Robert A. Grant Inn of Court

Former chair, Indiana State Bar Association's Litigation Section

Judicial selection panels, various federal and state courts

Honors

The Best Lawyers in America, 2008-2024; Lawyer of the Year, 2017

- Contract Litigation
- Corporate
- Emerging Companies and Venture Capital
- Employee Benefits Litigation
- Environmental
- Estate and Trust Litigation
- First-Party Property
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Non-Compete Litigation
- Pipelines
- Pollution Liability Insurance
- Private Client Services, Trusts and Estates
- Product Liability and Mass Torts
- Trade Secret Litigation