



A trusted adviser with a national reputation, John Maley is skilled in advocating before trial and appellate judges, juries, and mediators, simplifying complex matters. Whether on attack or defense in bet-the-company disputes, John's understanding of procedure and strategy is the core of his decades of success as a trial lawyer and appellate advocate.

John regularly represents publicly traded and private companies in regional and national litigation, trials and on appeal, and advises and represents leading universities in higher education issues and dispute resolution. He also frequently serves as special litigation counsel to the state of Indiana and advises local governments.

He has deep, bet-the-company trial experience in multiple jurisdictions, and has received multiple peer-reviewed honors for excellence including being a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Chambers (Band One), Best Lawyers including multiple Lawyer of the Year awards, Top Indiana Super Lawyer.

John has served as lead counsel in appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court, Indiana Supreme Court, Indiana Court of Appeals, Ohio Court of Appeals, Ohio Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals, Arizona Court of Appeals and Arizona Supreme Court, and in Pennsylvania appellate courts. He also has handled appeals in several federal courts of appeals, including in the Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Eleventh circuits. John has successfully concluded multiple complex trials and appeals, including prosecuting and defending cases with nine-figure damages and appearing in more than 25 jurisdictions as lead counsel.

John has published numerous articles on federal practice and is the author of the Appellate Handbook for Indiana Lawyers. He lectures frequently on federal civil practice, noncompete and employment matters.

John is married to Vivian Maley, CEO of the Joseph Maley Foundation, named in honor of their son, Joseph, who passed in 2008; they have four other boys.

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EDUCATION

Indiana University-Indianapolis, (J.D.),
summa cum laude, 1988, executive
editor of Indiana Law Review

Indiana University, (M.B.A.), 1994

University of Notre Dame, (B.A.), 1985

BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth
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 Fourth
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 District of
Colorado

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

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

Professional and Community Involvement

Vice president, Indiana State Bar Association, 2024 (to be President in 2026)

Chair, Southern District of Indiana Local Rules Committee (30 years)

Past president, Indianapolis Bar Association

Past president, Indianapolis Bar Foundation

Co-chair and lecturer, Indiana Bar Review

Member, Northern District of Indiana Local Rules Committee (25 years)

Past chair, Marion County Local Rules Committee

Past president, Indianapolis Chapter, Federal Bar Association

Past president, Indiana University Law School Alumni Association

Past chair, Indiana State Bar Association's Appellate Practice Section

Past chair, Barnes & Thornburg Library and Technology Committee (2000-2020)

Past chair, Barnes & Thornburg Pro Bono Committee (2000-2020)

President, Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission

Past board member, USA Track & Field (USATF) Indiana

Member, Black Robe Running Club

Assistant coach, Brebeuf Jesuit cross country and track

Honors

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Fellow, Indiana Bar Foundation

Fellow, Indianapolis Bar Foundation

Indiana Super Lawyers, 2004-2024; including rankings of Top Lawyer and at least Top 50 every year

The Best Lawyers in America, 2007-2024; Lawyer of the Year, 2009, 2012-2015, 2018-2019 and 2024

Chambers USA, 2009-2023

Benchmark Litigation, Indiana Litigation Stars

Who's Who in American Law

Who's Who in Indianapolis Law

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 Northern District of Ohio

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

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

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

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

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Appeals and Critical Motions

Class and Collective Actions

Commercial Contracts and Transactions

Commercial Litigation

Consumer Class Action Defense

Discrimination Defense

Employment Litigation

Government Litigation

Labor and Employment

Litigation

Non-Compete Litigation

Product Liability and Mass Torts

Trade Secrets

INDUSTRIES

Colleges and Universities

Financial Services

Healthcare

Manufacturing

Motorsports

