



## **Deborah J. Daniels**

### **Partner**

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Deborah Daniels is a former U.S. Attorney and U.S. Assistant Attorney General, and has lengthy experience in criminal and civil investigations and public safety. Her work has included responsibilities at the U.S. Department of Justice directly related to the nation's response to the September 11th attack on the U.S., data and communications interoperability, and the nation's ability to detect, prevent and respond to future terrorist acts. Ms. Daniels provides counsel to the firm's public and private sector clients in matters affecting public safety, leveraging of federal and state resources, federal and state regulatory compliance and internal investigations. She assists the firm's clients in interacting with agencies of local, state and federal government, including both the executive and legislative branches at all levels, and advises clients ranging from government agencies to health care providers to other private sector entities on compliance and public policy matters.

Ms. Daniels served as the firm's Managing Partner from 2015 - 2018.

### **PRACTICE AND INDUSTRY TEAMS**

- Business, Acquisitions & Securities
- Economic Development
- Education and School Law
- Governmental Affairs and Public Advocacy
- Health Care
- Higher Education
- K-12 Education
- Life Sciences
- Municipal and Governmental Law
- Sports

### **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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- Assisted major safety-net hospitals in obtaining critical funding to assist in providing services to the low-income uninsured population
- Directly involved in protecting physicians from the inclusion in federal legislation of language devastating to their enterprise
- Successfully negotiated favorable outcomes for multiple corporate clients of Krieg DeVault in civil investigations conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice
- Directed review and revision of Indiana criminal code
- Conducted landmark internal review of policies and practices of USA Gymnastics, recommending major changes in governance and culture in the wake of massive reporting of athlete sexual abuse

### EDUCATION

- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana (J.D., *cum laude*, 1977)
- DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana (B.A., *with honors*, 1973)

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- National Center for State Courts (Board of Directors)
- Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County (Board of Trustees, Former Member)
- Eskenazi Hospital Capital Campaign (Co-Chair)
- Eskenazi Health Foundation (Board of Directors)
- Indiana Academy (Board of Regents)
- University of Indianapolis (Board of Trustees; led Presidential Search Committee)
- United Way of Central Indiana (Secretary, Board of Directors; Executive Committee)
- Economic Club of Indiana, Inc. (Past President; Board of Directors)
- Forensic and Investigative Sciences Program at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) (Board of Visitors, Former Member)
- Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (Board and Executive Committee; Former Board Chair)
- Sagamore Institute for Policy Research (Former President)
- Indianapolis Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- National Association of Former U.S. Attorneys (Former President)

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- Council for Excellence in Government (Former Principal)
- National District Attorneys Association (Audit Committee, Former Vice Chair)
- Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series (Honorary Board of Governors)
- U.S. District Court Magistrate Selection Committee
- Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation (Former Chair of Criminal Justice Panel)

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Trailblazer Award, National Association of Women Business Owners, Indianapolis Chapter
- Best Lawyers In America®, Municipal Law, 2018-2019
- Indiana Academy Inductee
- Touchstone Award (Girls Inc.) Honoree
- U.S. Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Management
- U.S. Department of Justice Award for Law Enforcement Coordination
- Antoinette Dakin Leach Award, Women and the Law Division, Indianapolis Bar Association
- Nancy Maloley Outstanding Public Servant Award, Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series
- Indianapolis Business Journal, Influential Women in Indianapolis

#### SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

- National Conference on Offender Re-Entry, Keynote Speaker
- National Conference on Human Trafficking, Keynote Speaker
- Indiana Judicial Conference, Keynote Speaker
- Purdue University Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security (CERIAS) 6th Annual Information Security Symposium, Keynote Speaker
- 7th Annual Technologies for Critical Incident and Preparedness Conference (Sponsored by U.S. Departments of Justice, Homeland Security and Defense), Faculty Member
- Indianapolis Bar Association Cyber Security Seminar, Faculty Member
- Community Bankers of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan Security Conference, "Preparing for the Inevitable Crisis"
- Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, "Public Health and the Law" Seminar on Disaster Preparedness, Faculty Member
- Indiana State Medical Association, "The State & Future of Independent Medical Practice", Presentation on Federal Health Care Reform Analysis
- Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, "Navigate Your Way During Challenging Economic Times", Presentation on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- DePauw University Attorney and Physicians Seminar, Keynote Speaker/Faculty Member
- Indianapolis Bench Bar Conference, "Indiana Criminal Code Revision, 2013"
- United Way of Central Indiana, "Tough on Crime, or Smart on Crime?"
- Indiana State Bar Association, "From the ABCs to the 1, 2, 3s: Indiana Criminal Code Revision"
- Indiana State Medical Association, "Maximizing the Potential of Women"

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- BKD Inaugural Women's Summit, "Maximizing the Potential of Women as Leaders"

#### PUBLICATIONS

- "Report to USA Gymnastics on Proposed Policy and Procedural Changes for the Protection of Young Athletes"
- "Minimum Wage-Hike Proposals Aren't So Simple", Indianapolis Business Journal
- "Pre-K is an Investment We Can't Afford to Ignore", Indianapolis Business Journal
- "Keeping Arrestee DNA on File Would Solve Crimes", Indianapolis Business Journal
- "Female Candidates Face Unnecessary Challenges", Indianapolis Business Journal
- "With Jobs, it's Mobility, not just 'Equality,' that Matters", Indianapolis Business Journal
- "Leading in Health Care Innovation", Indianapolis Business Journal
- "Less Incarceration Could Lead to Less Crime", Washington Post
- "To Compete, Indianapolis must be Aggressive", Indianapolis Business Journal
- "Sentencing Guidelines and Prosecutorial Discretion", Federal Sentencing Reporter
- "Revitalizing Our Communities: Safety First", National Policy Forum
- "Strategies That Lead to Safer Communities", Indianapolis Star
- "Remembering Victims of Crime", The American Thinker

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