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Krieg DeVault Strengthens its Indiana Footprint by Combining with the Rothberg Law Firm of Fort Wayne

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Krieg DeVault is pleased to announce that the Rothberg Law Firm ("Rothberg"), a prominent Fort Wayne, Indiana law firm with 12 professionals, has become part of Krieg DeVault, effective January 1, 2026. The joining of the two firms significantly strengthens Krieg DeVault's Indiana presence and reputation as a premier Midwest firm. This combination marks the second by Krieg DeVault within the past year, following its combination with Fuchs & Roselli, Ltd., a 25-professional law firm in Chicago, in January 2025.

Indianapolis-based Krieg DeVault is one of the largest law firms in Indiana, with additional offices in Carmel, Crown Point, and Mishawaka. Rothberg is an established Northeast Indiana firm with roots dating back to 1952. Their reputation for delivering client-focused legal solutions and ability to offer services in northeast Indiana played a significant role in Krieg DeVault's decision to combine with Rothberg.

"Our clients' needs continue to drive our growth into new and existing markets," said Michael Messaglia, Managing Partner of Krieg DeVault. "Fort Wayne is the second-largest market in Indiana, and having a local presence is part of the firm's long-term growth strategy. Through our firm's strategic vision, we strive to deliver exceptional and innovative service to our clients whenever and wherever they need us. The professionals at Rothberg share the same philosophy as Krieg DeVault in ensuring we provide our clients with responsive and high-quality service that helps them reach their goals. It is an honor to combine the strengths of our two firms to establish a stronger presence in northern Indiana."

Messaglia said the combination of both firms would strengthen some of the firm's key service areas of banking, business, employment, health care, real estate, municipal, and estate planning. Krieg DeVault is widely regarded as a leading Indiana law firm in banking and financial institutions, and its health care and ESOP practices have earned national recognition.

"When we started discussing a combination, it became clear that Krieg DeVault would be a perfect fit for the evolution of Rothberg," said Susan Trent, Rothberg's Managing Partner. "Having access to the full range of services that Krieg DeVault offers allows us to expand our offerings to both current and future clients in northeast Indiana and beyond. Fort Wayne, Allen County, and Northeast Indiana have seen historic private investment and growth in virtually all sectors and many highly strategic public/private partnerships – leading to the retention and attraction of a highly-skilled, global workforce. Combining with Krieg DeVault allows us to significantly expand the scope of legal services critical to our clients' success and to our community momentum. Krieg DeVault's strong reputation in the banking, litigation, and healthcare sectors will bring valuable experience and knowledge that will complement our cornerstone services for our clients. We are very excited about what the future holds for our firm."

Beginning January 1, 2026, Rothberg Law Firm will transition its name to Krieg DeVault while remaining located at 505 East Washington Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN.

More about Krieg DeVault and Rothberg

Krieg DeVault LLP is a diversified law firm representing a range of local, regional, and national clients. Financial institutions, global manufacturers, national healthcare providers, successful organizations of different sizes and market focus, and individuals all rely on Krieg DeVault for solutions that create success. Krieg DeVault prides itself on delivering exceptional and innovative client service as a diverse, inclusive and collaborative team by living its CORE Values of Commitment, Ownership, Respect, and Excellence. The firm currently has offices in Indianapolis, Carmel, South Bend/Mishawaka, and Crown Point, Indiana, as well as Chicago, Illinois.

Rothberg was founded in 1952 and employs 12 attorneys and professionals. Rothberg is a firm focused on client relationships and innovative legal solutions. Their client-focused approach ensures that every project receives top-level, hands-on attention, making sure each matter is handled with care and professionalism.