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Fenton Strickland is a Senior Attorney in Krieg DeVault's Employee Benefits, Labor and Employment Law, as well as the firm's Business, Acquisitions & Securities and Tax Practice Groups. He focuses his practice on employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) and ESOP transactions and advises clients in federal and state tax planning and state and local tax controversies.

Mr. Strickland served the Indiana Judiciary at two separate points in his career: as a Judicial Clerk to Justice Brent Dickson of the Indiana Supreme Court and later as the Counsel to the Chief Justice at the Supreme Court, serving in chief administrative, legal, and financial roles. For the seven years between those two periods of service to the State, Mr. Strickland practiced tax law at Faegre Baker Daniels and has extensive experience in state income, sales and use, real estate, personal property, and unemployment taxes, appearing in numerous cases before the Indiana Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, and various administrative bodies. Mr. Strickland frequently represents clients in economic development matters, assisting in procurement of state and local incentives and site selection. He is a CPA, and before kicking off his legal career, Mr. Strickland worked in public accounting and in several accounting management positions.

**PRACTICE AND INDUSTRY TEAMS**

- Business, Acquisitions & Securities
- Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans - ESOPs
- Fraternities and Sororities
- Tax

**EDUCATION**

- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2005)

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- Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana (B.A. in Business (Accounting), 1994)

#### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Indiana, 2005
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Indiana State Bar Association (Member)
- Indianapolis Bar Association, Professionalism Committee & Tax Section Executive Board
- Indianapolis Bar Association Bar Leader Series, Class of 2011

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