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Charlie Richert is an Associate in the Firm's Business Practice. He assists clients in various matters across diverse industries, including mergers and acquisitions, contract drafting and negotiations, and governance issues for non-profit and for-profit organizations.

Mr. Richert also has experience in compliance audits and assisted with the 2021 follow-up audit of USA Gymnastics' compliance with the Daniels Report for the Protection of Young Athletes.

Charlie is an active member of the Indianapolis community and serves as an at-large committee member of the IndyBar Business Law Section. Additionally, he is currently on the Board of Directors for a local nonprofit in central Indiana and volunteers for an international anti-human trafficking organization.

In addition to his corporate law practice at Krieg DeVault, Mr. Richert served as an attorney for nearly 2 years for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

### **Education**

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2019
  - Indiana Law Review, Associate Articles Editor
- B.A. in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

### **Bar & Court Admissions**

- Indiana (2019)

### **Practices**

- Business Services
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Securities
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

### **Industries**

- Financial Services

### **Merger and Acquisition Deals**

- Lead counsel in sale of private security company
- Assisted lead transaction counsel in sale of ESOP-owned auto-parts retailer chain
- Assisted lead transaction counsel in sale of cyber risk management firm
- Assisted lead transaction counsel in purchase of architectural design firm
- Assisted lead counsel in the sale of 100% stock of industry-leading automotive protection company
- Assisted lead counsel in acquisition of component-parts manufacturer
- Assisted lead counsel in sale of trampoline park

### **Entity Formation, Corporate Governance, and Shareholder Relations Projects**

- Lead counsel in the formation and organization of numerous entities
- Assisted lead counsel to shareholder in shareholder dispute matter
- Advise and draft equity incentive plan for company employees

### **Non-Profit and Exempt Entity Projects**

- Represented exempt organization in formation and application for tax-exempt status, including drafting of organizational documents

### **Banking and Financial Institutions**

- Assist of the United States' largest financial institutions in the negotiation of banking services agreements, including agreements providing banking services in over 40 countries
- Assisted lead counsel in several credit union acquisitions of state banks across Indiana
- Assisted various financial industry trade associations with regulatory and compliance issues, including drafting and submitting correspondence to federal regulators

### **Professional Associations**

- Member Business Law Section, Indianapolis Bar Association
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association

### **Publications**

- Co- Author, "Impact of AI in the M & A Sector: Key Advantages, Challenges, and Considerations," February 23, 2024
- Co-Author, "Delaware Duty of Oversight Extended to Officers – What about Indiana?" March 23, 2023