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George Lepeniotis is a member of the firm's Business, Acquisitions and Securities Practice and the Commercial Real Estate Lending Practice. He concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate and business law, mergers and acquisitions, banking and lending, real estate, construction and contracts law. George also has significant experience in litigation and trial work. George helps corporate, municipal, institutional, banking and health care clients navigate a variety of legal matters and transactions.

In addition to his work at the firm, George is co-host of WNIT's Economic Outlook where he travels throughout the Michiana area to bring viewers news, stories and insights on topics shaping the regions economy. George is also a member of the Board for the Bridgman Foundation for Economic Excellence and on the Advisory Board for the South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce. Prior to joining Krieg DeVault, George was a partner at a small litigation firm in South Bend. He was also a general contractor and real estate developer.

Education

- J.D., Chicago Kent College of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, 2013
- B.A. in English, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, 1995

Bar & Court Admissions

- Indiana (2013)
- Michigan (2017)
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit

Practices

- Business Services
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate Services
- Privately and Closely-Held Businesses
- Commercial and Real Estate Lending

Industries

- Real Estate
- Construction
- Financial Institutions
- Health Care

Representative Experience

- Served as counsel in the transition of numerous medical and dental facilities
- Served as counsel in numerous commercial real estate transactions involving zoning, assessment, title, environmental and government incentives issues
- Served as counsel in the sale, transfer and merger of multiple small to mid-sized closely held corporations
- Advised corporate clients on various business and legal matters including contracts, administrative law, regulatory procedures and employment law matters
- Participated in over 20 bench and jury trials in both first and second chair with exceedingly favorable verdicts on client's behalf
- Litigation practice experience includes discovery, motion practice, trials, alternative dispute resolution, complex corporate negotiations, appellate work, legal research and writing, and pre-trial preparation
- Represents corporate, individual, institutional, and municipal clients in both Indiana and Michigan

Publications & Presentations

- "COVID-19 Vaccination Mandates in the Workplace", Krieg DeVault Podcast Series 2021
- Lepeniotis, G. (2019) The Sanctity of the Hoosier Paycheck, Historical Context and Practical Pointers to Evaluate Unpaid Wage Claims. *Indiana Lawyer: DTCL Section* Volume 30, No. 1 2019.
- Lepeniotis, G. (2015) Intentional Acts and the Limits of a Liability Carrier's Duty to Defend *DTCL: Indiana Civil Litigation Review*. Volume 12, 2015.
- Groves, J., Leichty, D., Lepeniotis, G. The Form Objection During Depositions. *Robert A. Grant American Inn of Court Quarterly Meeting*. South Bend, IN, USA, 2015.
- Lepeniotis, G. Issues in Dental & Medical Facilities Liabilities. *Patterson Dental Regional Sales Meeting*. South Bend, IN, USA, 2015.
- Polando, G., Lepeniotis, G., McKeever, J., Can and Should a Successful Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claim Lead to Attorney Discipline? *Robert A. Grant American Inn of Court Quarterly Meeting*. South Bend, IN, USA, 2016.
- Lepeniotis, G., Moderator – State Court Magistrate Judges Panel. *Robert A. Grant American Inn of Court Quarterly Meeting*.

Professional/Civic Associations

- Indiana State Bar Association – Member
- St. Joseph County Bar Association – Member
- Robert A. Grant American Inn of Court – Program Director & Member



- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana (DTCI) – Member & Publications Editor
- State Bar of Michigan – Member
- Berrien County Bar Association – Member
- Junto Goose & Duck Club – Member
- United States Cycling – Member and Categorized Racer
- American Red Cross – Volunteer
- American Diabetes Association – Tour de Cure Fund Raiser & Green Jersey Rider
- St. Andrews Greek Orthodox Church, South Bend, Indiana – General Counsel
- Agia Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, New Buffalo, Michigan – General Counsel
- Sunburst Races – Volunteer

Certifications

- Legal Lean Sigma® White Belt