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John P. Higgins is a Partner in Krieg DeVault's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Services. He concentrates his practice on representing construction industry clients - ranging from contractors, remodelers, and restoration providers to developers and related businesses - in complex disputes that can make or break a company. He handles construction disputes of all scales, from homeowner and smaller projects to significant multiparty, multimillion-dollar litigation involving defects, delays, breaches, insurance coverage battles, and regulatory enforcement. Clients turn to John when the outcome truly matters, trusting his strategic counsel to protect their operations, reputation, and bottom line.

A recognized leader in construction law, John routinely advises clients on compliance with construction and consumer protection statutes, defends them against enforcement actions and contested claims, and develops aggressive yet efficient strategies for mechanics' liens, collections, and maximizing insurance recoveries while steering clear of regulatory pitfalls. His deep industry knowledge enables him to anticipate challenges unique to those who build, delivering practical solutions that minimize risk and drive favorable resolutions, whether through negotiation, mediation, arbitration, or trial. John's clients have confidence that John will never sacrifice their best interests for a quick settlement; John frequently tries cases when negotiation fails to produce an optimal outcome.

When businesses face litigation that threatens their future, they rely on John for unflinching advocacy, industry-specific insight, and a track record of success.

Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2012
- B.A. in Economics, *magna cum laude*, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 2009

Bar & Court Admissions

- Indiana, 2012
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Supreme Court

Practices

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Construction Litigation
- Business Services

Industries

- Construction

Representative Experience

- Served as lead counsel in construction and business disputes ranging from homeowner disagreements to multimillion dollar litigation.
- Served as co-counsel for contractors and home improvement providers in matters involving alleged violations of state construction and consumer protection laws.

Professional Associations

- Member, Indiana State Bar Association
- Member, Legal Ethics Committee, Indiana State Bar Association
- Member, Attorney Fee Dispute Committee, Indiana State Bar Association
- Member, Board of Law Examiners, Committee on Character and Fitness

Awards & Recognitions

- 2026 Top Lawyers in Indianapolis, Indianapolis Monthly
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America, 2023
 - Business Organizations
 - Construction Law
- Best Lawyers in America® 2024-2026
 - Litigation
 - Real Estate
 - Business Organizations, 2026
 - Construction Law, 2026
- American Bankruptcy Institute's Medal of Excellence
- Bingham Award
- Indiana Law Review, Editor
- Indiana Lawyer Leadership in Law – "Up and Coming", 2020
- Indiana Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, 2018 - 2020
- Graduate, National Institute of Trial Advocacy's Advanced Trial Advocacy Program

Seminars

- *The Legal Stuff for Roofing Contractors, One Industry, One Model*, Presenter, 2022