KRIEG DEVAULT

Local Counsel Representation

In today's global economy, borders are disappearing, but legal systems still remain tied to their local venues. We understand the importance of having seasoned and respected local counsel who regularly practice in the jurisdictions in which clients find themselves embroiled in complex commercial disputes. Our litigators' knowledge of the law, insights on the judges and court staff, relationships with opposing counsel, and appreciation for the local flavor and politics that often color business controversies, make Krieg DeVault a valuable resource and effective contributor to any client team. We have partnered with in-house attorneys from national and international companies, national outside and coordinating counsel, and lawyers from AmLaw 100 firms in a variety of capacities depending on the resources of the client and the nature of the matter.

With four regional offices strategically positioned in central Indiana, northwest Indiana, north central Indiana, and Chicago, we regularly appear in the following courts:

- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana.
- U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana
- Indiana Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Tax Court
- Indiana Commercial Court
- Indiana trial courts in virtually all 92 counties, including Boone, Hamilton, Johnson, Lake, LaPorte, Marion, Monroe, Porter, St. Joseph, and Tippecanoe Counties. The fact that Indiana is now a mandatory e-filing state allows us to enhance the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of our local counsel representation
- U.S. District Courts for the Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of Illinois
- U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Central, Northern, and Southern Districts of Illinoi
- Illinois Supreme Court and Court of Appeals
- Illinois trial courts in virtually all 102 counties, including Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties

The need for local counsel is not just limited to court proceedings, however. Engaging local counsel can be critical when clients are faced with regulatory actions initiated by state agencies. Our litigators have extensive experience appearing before various Indiana state agencies, boards, and administrative law judges in administrative proceedings, and interfacing directly with Indiana government officials and deputies attorney general, on a wide range of issues impacting clients' businesses.

Focus Areas

Assisting with early dispute resolution and pre-suit mediation

Drafting and reviewing pleadings, motions, briefs, and other court filings

Guiding attorneys through the pro hac vice or temporary admission process

Covering hearings and status conferences

Conducting discovery, which includes access to our sophisticated e-discovery processing and management capabilities

Facilitating post-suit settlement discussions, mediation, and court settlement conferences

Providing ongoing advice on local practice and procedure, including compliance with hyper-technical rules on formatting and e-filing

Shaping legal strategy and direction of the case

Preparing for and going to trial

Preserving issues for appeal and guiding clients through the appellate process

Preparing for appellate oral argument

Taking an active lead, co-counsel, or supporting role as the circumstances warrant

Assisting with domestication of foreign judgments and the opening of miscellaneous matters for the purpose of serving subpoenas and conducting discovery in out-of-state cases