



## **Andrea K. Townsend receives ISBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award**

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*By: Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP*

Andrea K. Townsend received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Indiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section at its annual awards luncheon in Indianapolis on Aug. 30.

Andrea is an associate with the firm, and represents clients in complex civil litigation cases often involving environmental, insurance coverage and commercial law. She also handles real estate and environmental regulatory and transactional matters. Additionally, Andrea focuses a portion of her practice on appeals, having participated from both the judicial and advocacy perspectives in Indiana's state appellate courts and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Prior to joining the firm, Andrea practiced business and general civil litigation, as well as appellate advocacy. Before that, she served as a law clerk for Hon. Brent E. Dickson, former chief justice. And while a law student, Andrea interned for Hon. Tim A. Baker, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and Hon. Margret G. Robb, Indiana Court of Appeals.

Andrea is an active member of the Indianapolis (member, Bar Review Working Committee; Bench Bar Retreat Social Planning Committee) and Indiana State (graduate, Leadership Development Academy; young lawyer liaison, Law Student Committee; Social Media Focus Group) bar associations. Each year, she also makes time to judge law school moot court competitions, as well as the "We the People" civic competition for high school students. Andrea's pro bono activities include the "Ask-A-Lawyer" program.

She is also active in her Indianapolis and Fishers communities, serving as vice president of her neighborhood's homeowners' association and a planning committee member of the Indianapolis Sailing Club's Snipe Fleet's open regatta.

Andrea earned her B.B.A. degree in accounting, summa cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame in 2010 and her J.D., summa cum laude, from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2013. While in law school, as symposium editor for the Indiana Law Review, she brought in national academic, business and governmental figures to share their experiences on "Law and the Financial Crisis." She also achieved, in the moot court competition, a place on the Order of Barristers and the prize of Top Advocate in the preliminary rounds. At graduation, Andrea was awarded the Faculty Prize from her professors in recognition for her scholarship, leadership and service.