



Jeffrey D. Claflin

Partner

Jeff Claflin, a twenty-five year veteran of the firm, moved to South Bend in 2008 to manage the firm's office there. Jeff has been a partner at the firm since 1996, and managing partner for the entire firm on three separate occasions.

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Education

J.D. 1990, Indiana University
Indianapolis – Robert H. McKinney
School of Law

B.A. (Business Administration,
American History), 1981, Anderson
University

Licensure

State of Indiana, 1990

United States District Court for the
Southern District of Indiana, 1990

United States District Court for the
Northern District of Indiana, 1990

United States Court of Appeals,
Seventh Circuit,

United States Supreme Court,

Jeff works primarily on insurance coverage cases, representing policyholders in complex disputes involving multiple cleanup sites and insurers. Jeff worked on two landmark environmental coverage cases (*American States v. Kiger* and *Hartford v. Dana*) in Indiana early in his career. He was lead counsel in *General Housewares v. National Surety*, *GEI v. City of Angola*, and *Standard Fusee Corp. V. National Union et al.* He has represented a number of other policyholders, large and small, in various coverage actions and coverage disputes.

Jeff's litigation practice extends to non-environmental issues as well. In *Town of Montezuma v. Downs* and *Natural Gas Odorizing, Inc. v. Downs*, for example, Jeff and others at PSRB established the negligence per se of a locally-run gas utility and made new law on the duty of a manufacturer to warn end users of a product defect. *Indiana Glass v. IMPC* addressed utility regulation and the UCC.

Jeff has done substantial appellate work, having worked on over 40 appeals, and having argued before the Indiana Court of Appeals, the Indiana Supreme Court and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Before joining the firm in 1988, Jeff was the Administrative Assistant/Acting Director for the Office of Policy and Regulatory Analysis of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Jeff supports, or has supported, several charitable organizations through the years, including Indiana University, Anderson University, Child Advocates, Inc., the Horizons Urban Student Enrichment Program, and Kaleidoscope Youth Center.