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## PRACTICES

BUSINESS

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INSURANCE COVERAGE

LITIGATION

REAL ESTATE

## INDUSTRIES

AGRIBUSINESS

ENERGY & UTILITIES

INDIVIDUALS & CLOSELY

HELD BUSINESSES

MANUFACTURING

MUNICIPALITIES &  
GOVERNMENT

PETROLEUM MARKETERS

REAL ESTATE

DEVELOPMENT &  
CONSTRUCTION

WASTE SERVICES

## OVERVIEW

Andrea Townsend focuses her practice in the areas of environmental law, commercial real estate, zoning and land use, business and commercial services, insurance coverage, and complex litigation. Andrea regularly assists clients with all aspects of environmental matters, including due diligence investigation, compliance, cleanups, cost-recovery actions, and Brownfield redevelopment. She has successfully navigated numerous clients through corporate and real estate transactions, including advising on corporate formation strategies, negotiating complex asset, stock, or real estate purchase or lease agreements, and assisting clients in completing requisite transactional due diligence. Andrea also frequently works with policyholders in a wide array of insurance coverage matters, including archeology searches for policies, claims handling, coverage disputes, and risk management and policy procurement. She also represents clients before zoning boards, planning commissions, and local legislative bodies throughout the State of Indiana. Her clients include real estate investors and developers, non-profit entities, municipalities, industrial/manufacturing businesses, dry cleaners, and petroleum and agricultural companies.

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 worked in various public sector roles including with the former-Chief Justice of Indiana, the Honorable Brent E. Dickson, the Honorable Tim A. Baker of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and the Honorable Margret G. Robb of the Indiana Court of Appeals.



## AWARDS

- 2023, Indianapolis Sailing Club Volunteer of the Year
- 2022-2023, Selected for inclusion in *Indiana Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star
- 2021, Indiana Lawyer's Up and Coming Lawyer Award
- 2017, Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, Indiana State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section
- 2013, Faculty Prize, Robert H. McKinney School of Law – most outstanding graduate in terms of scholarship, leadership, and service.
- 2011, Barrister and Top Advocate in Preliminary Rounds, Robert H. Staton Moot Court Competition
- 2010, Valedictorian Candidate, University of Notre Dame
- 10-year 4-H Member, Tippecanoe County

## EDUCATION

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- B.B.A., *summa cum laude*, Accounting, University of Notre Dame

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

## AFFILIATIONS

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, IndyCREW, an affiliated chapter of CREW Network (Commercial Real Estate Women) (2020-Current)
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association – Business Law, Environmental, Litigation, Probate Trust & Real Property, and Young Lawyers Sections (Current); Litigation Section Council (2012–15; 2016–22; Chair 2020–21); Secretary, ISBA Board of Governors (2019–20); Leadership Development Academy, Class III (2014); Young Lawyer Liaison and Advisor, ISBA Law Student Committee Board (2016–19)
- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association – Business, Environmental, Insurance Coverage, Young Lawyers, and Women in the Law Sections (Current); Indiana Appellate Institute Moot Judge 2015-Present, IndyBar Review Working Committee (2014–2020)



- Member, Marion County Bar Association (2021-Current)
- Barrister, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court (Associate, 2013-16) (2017-Current)
- Member, Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society
- Member, Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society (Accounting)
- Member, Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society

## COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- President, Indianapolis Sailing Club Academy, Inc. (2022–Current)
- Rear Commodore, Indianapolis Sailing Club, Inc. (2021–Current; Board Member 2021–Current; Chair of the Women on the Water Program 2017–Current; Club Historian 2017–2023)
- Board Member, Hillsborough Community Association (2017-2019; President 2019)
- Member and Red Mass Planning Committee, St. Thomas More Society (2017-Current)
- Judge, McKinney School of Law Robert H. Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition
- Judge, We the People Competition

## ARTICLES & EVENTS

- 2023 | Co-Author  
Sylvia & Townsend: New Phase I Standards, *IndyCREW Newsletter*
- 2023 | Co-Author  
Relue, Connor & Townsend: The future’s so bright (I gotta wear shades), *The Indiana Lawyer*
- 2022 | Co-Author  
Sylvia & Townsend: Environmental Due Diligence is a Key Component to Commercial Real Estate Transactions – Know the Risk?, *IndyCREW Newsletter*
- 2022 | Speaker  
The Impact of Plessy and Brown: Then and Today, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court
- 2020 | Co-Author  
Sylvia & Townsend: Environmental Due Diligence is a Key Component in a Buyer’s Commercial Real Estate Transaction – What’s the Risk?, *The Indiana Lawyer*



- 2020 | Speaker  
Discovery & Environmental Consultants: What to Produce and What is Privileged, Indianapolis Bar Association
- 2020 | Author  
Can You Quit Your Contract? Force Majeure and COVID-19
- 2019 | Panelist  
Ethics in Legal Practice and Communication, Indiana State Bar Association Litigation Section
- 2018 | Author  
See Purple? Check the Property Lines to Avoid Trespassing, *The Indiana Lawyer*
- 2018 | Co-Author  
Plews, Hirschten & Townsend: A Response to *Dreaded*: Pre-Tender Costs Should Be Recoverable Absent Prejudice in Indiana, *The Indiana Lawyer*
- 2018 | Co-Author  
Romig & Townsend: The Clock May Not Stop on the Deadline to File Your Class Action
- 2018 | Speaker  
The Separation of Powers Doctrine in Indiana: From Political Theory to Constitutional Reality & Interpretation In Indiana Supreme Court Precedent, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court
- 2017 | Author  
Leasing Your Property for Hunting? Ask a Lawyer
- 2016 | Speaker  
The Art of Bluebooking, Indianapolis Bar Association
- 2015 | Speaker  
Magna Carta, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court
- 2014 | Speaker  
The 3 R's of Indiana Election Law Disputes: Redistricting, Recounts, and Residency, McKinney-Shepard American Inn of Court
- 2014 | Co-Author



J. Sullivan & Townsend, Leading Academic, Business, and Government Figures  
Convene to Examine Law and the Financial Crisis, 47 Ind. L. Rev. 11 (2014)

- 2013 | Speaker  
Law and the Financial Crisis, Indiana Law Review Symposium
- 2013 | Author  
Admission of Hearsay through Rule 106: And Now You Know the Rest of the Story, 46  
Ind. L. Rev. 11. 499 (2013)