



PARTNER

# THAO NGUYEN

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📍 South Bend

## PRACTICES

BUSINESS

ENVIRONMENTAL

INSURANCE COVERAGE

LITIGATION

REAL ESTATE

## INDUSTRIES

AGRIBUSINESS

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

ENERGY & UTILITIES

INDIVIDUALS & CLOSELY  
HELD BUSINESSES

MANUFACTURING

MUNICIPALITIES &  
GOVERNMENT

NONPROFIT & RELIGIOUS  
ORGANIZATIONS

PETROLEUM MARKETERS

REAL ESTATE  
DEVELOPMENT &  
CONSTRUCTION

TECHNOLOGY

WASTE SERVICES

## OVERVIEW

Thao T. Nguyen focuses her practice on insurance coverage for policyholders and complex environmental and commercial litigation. She also handles transactions involving environmentally impacted real estate for both buyers and sellers. Thao represents companies, from international mega-corporations with billions in revenue to small, family-owned enterprises. She also works with municipalities, citizens' groups and individuals on a wide variety of matters. Thao regularly presents on topics related to insurance coverage, from a general overview of the law for novices to more nuanced discussions for the advanced practitioner.

Thao is a past chair of the Indiana State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section. She has served on the board of governors of the St. Joseph County Bar Association and is a member of the Robert A. Grant Inn of Court. She has been a grants panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts. Thao served on the Board of Trustees of the Indiana State Museum for 10 years and is currently an advisor to the Board.

## AWARDS

- 2024-25, *Best Lawyers in America*® – Insurance Law
- 2009, Recipient of *Indiana Lawyer's Up and Coming Lawyer Award*
- 2010-2011, Named in *Indiana Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star in Real Estate
- 2012-2019, Selected for inclusion in *Indiana Rising Stars – Insurance Coverage*



- 2012, Michiana Forty Under 40 Winner

## EDUCATION

- J.D., 2004, Indiana University Bloomington – Maurer School of Law
- B.A., 2001, Politics with minors in computer science, art history, and women’s studies, Oberlin College

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of California, 2015
- State of Indiana, 2004
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, 2004
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, 2004

## EXPERIENCE

- Helped secure a \$6.5 million dollar settlement from an insurer for business interruption losses due to an explosion at a metal recycler
- Assisted a manufacturer at a Superfund site, including negotiations with EPA and other PRPs, and securing insurance coverage
- Defended a major pharmaceutical company in toxic tort cases related to pain medication
- Negotiated and drafted development agreements, condominium declarations, purchase agreements, leases, and loan documents on behalf of a developer
- Successfully prosecuted a toxic tort case on behalf of an elderly couple related to E-coli contamination
- Helped a family-owned Indiana manufacturer secure coverage from its liability insurers for environmental contamination occurring over many years
- Represented a municipality in a suit to recover dollars spent for historic environmental contamination

## AFFILIATIONS

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Indiana State Bar Association
- Member, Oberlin College Alumni Association
- Member, Indiana University Alumni Association
- Member, St. Joseph County Bar Association (Director on Board 2009-2010), Pro Bono



#### Committee

- Robert A. Grant Inn of Court

### COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Mock Trial Coach, John Adams High School in South Bend, Indiana

### ARTICLES & EVENTS

- 2024 | Presenter  
University of Notre Dame, Community Bootcamp for Entrepreneurs – Indiana Insurance Coverage 101
- 2023 | Presenter  
University of Notre Dame, Community Bootcamp for Entrepreneurs – Indiana Insurance Coverage 101
- 2022 | Presenter  
University of Notre Dame, Community Bootcamp for Entrepreneurs – Indiana Insurance Coverage 101
- 2021 | Presenter  
St. Joseph County Bar Association Local Practice Seminar – Introduction to Indiana Insurance Coverage
- 2021 | Presenter  
St. Joseph County Bar Association – Indiana Insurance Coverage Primer
- 2020 | Presenter  
ICLEF Environmental Law – Environmental Insurance Litigation Update
- 2018 | Presenter  
IndyBar Insurance Coverage Section CLE: Advanced Insurance Coverage Roundtable
- 2009 | Publication  
Indiana Perspective. A summary of environmental legislation for 2009. For more information, [click here](#).
- 2008 | Publication  
Contributing Author, Indiana Perspective. A summary of environmental legislation for 2008. For more information, [click here](#).



- 2007 | Publication  
Indiana Perspective. A summary of environmental legislation for 2007. For more information, [click here](#).
- 2006 | Publication  
Indiana Perspective. A summary of environmental legislation for 2006. For more information, [click here](#).
- 2005 | Publication  
Indiana Perspective. A summary of environmental legislation for 2005. For more information, [click here](#).