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Brandon enjoys the competitive aspect of litigation and teams up with his clients to achieve results. He appreciates that every claim has an impact extending far outside the courtroom for his clients, and works to align his litigation strategy with their business priorities.

### Practice Areas

Auto & TNC Liability  
Dram Shop & Liquor Liability  
Environmental Law  
Premises Liability  
Product Liability

### Biography

Brandon joined Lewis Wagner as a law clerk, and since that time, he has established himself as a leader in the firm's tort defense practice groups. Brandon represents his clients in all manner of premises and product liability actions, leveraging his years of experience to achieve results for his clients. He has developed a specialty in liquor liability litigation and routinely represents establishments in wrongful death and catastrophic injury claims arising under the Indiana Dram Shop Act.

When he isn't working, Brandon can be found playing with his two young sons, watching Michigan football, or working on his golf game.

### Accolades, Affiliations and Activities

- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
- Brownsburg Bourbon Society
- Defense Research Institute
  - Litigation Skills Seminar
    - Program Chair, 2023
    - Program Vice Chair, 2022
    - Steering Committee
- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
- Indiana State Bar Association
- Indiana Super Lawyers - Rising Stars, 2014-2020
- Indianapolis Bar Association - Bar Leader Series XIV, 2017
- Indianapolis Bar Foundation - Distinguished Fellow
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review - Rated AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent
- The Best Lawyers in America - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2022
- The Indiana Lawyer - Leadership in Law, Up and Coming Lawyer, 2020
- The Penrod Society

### Publications and Presentations

- "Critical Analysis of Deposition of TJ Brewster", DRI Litigation Skills Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada, July 28-30, 2021.
- "Oh, and a Lawyer Probably Helps": Ethically Navigating PR Issues in Mass Casualty or Large Loss Cases, DRI Trial Skills and Damages Seminar, Las Vegas, NV, March 20-22, 2019/DRI In-House Defense Quarterly, Summer 2019.
- "Business Litigation/Hospitality & Alcoholic Beverage Law", Indianapolis Bar Association, Indianapolis, January 25, 2019.
- "Critical Analysis of Examinations of Plaintiff Alex Billings," Enhancing Your Trial Skills: Billings v. Pearson - A Case of Alleged Cyber-Bullying, DRI Trial Tactics Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 15-17, 2017.

### Selected Cases and Representation

- *Birge v. Montgomery County et al.*, 197 N.E.3d 822 (Ind. 2022)
  - Defense of County, County Drainage Board, County Surveyor and County Commissioners in a negligence and inverse condemnation action following the reconstruction of a regulated drain on plaintiffs' property - rehearing denied, transfer granted, Supreme Court opinion pending with oral argument held before the Indiana Supreme Court on December 8, 2022.
- *Himsel v. Himsel*, 122 N.E. 3d 935 (Ind. Ct. App. 2019)
  - Summary judgment on behalf of farmers against plaintiff/neighbors based on Indiana's Right to Farm Act - affirmed on appeal, rehearing denied, transfer denied, certiorari denied.
- *Johnson v. Poindexter Transp., Inc.*, 994 N.E. 2d 1206 (Ind. Ct. App. 2013)
  - Summary judgment and dismissal based on dual employment affirmed on appeal.
- *Birge v. Maxwell, et. al.*, Cause No. 54C01-1501-PL- 000007
  - Obtained summary judgment on behalf of County Drainage Board Member and County Surveyor on plaintiff's defamation allegations.
- *Jones v. Erie Insurance Exchange*, Cause No. 29D02-1203-CT-002303
  - Jury trial victory in underinsured motorist case.
- *Walker, et. al. v. Stanley Farms*, Cause No. 05C01-1201-CT-000020
  - Dismissal of nuisance claim based on the Indiana Right to Farm Act.
- *Smock v. Daniel Builders, et. al.*, Cause No. 11D01-1508-PL-456
  - Summary judgment obtained on behalf of stone/veneer manufacturer against general contractor's allegations of negligent instruction, breach of contract, breach of warranty and common law indemnity.
- *Query v. Gorham*, Cause No. 67C01-1406-CC-188
  - Trial victory in breach of contract and negligence dispute.
- *Harbour v. Hogue, et. al.*, Cause No. 49D05-1910-CT-043459
  - Obtained summary judgment on behalf of defendant landlord in a premises liability matter.