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Merging a commitment and passion for the law and community service, Eric is dedicated to working directly with clients to creatively identify and solve problems, manage risk, and reduce exposure to liability and litigation.

Practice Areas

Appellate
Fire Loss
Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith

Biography

Eric is a partner in Lewis Wagner & Trimble's litigation group, where he spends most of his time handling first-party property damage coverage disputes on behalf of a number of insurance carriers.
Eric is regularly asked to analyze and litigate complex insurance coverage questions relating to property and homeowner policies, commercial general liability policies, and automobile policies. His insurance coverage practice has him litigating insurance coverage disputes, such as declaratory judgment actions, bad faith claims, and suspected insurance fraud claims in federal and state courts. He also handles other catastrophic and complex litigation, legal malpractice defense, and general litigation matters involving transportation, construction, and premise liability.

Education and Bar Admissions

- Purdue University, B.S., 1992
- Valparaiso University, J.D., 2000
- Supreme Court of Indiana, 2000
- New York, 2005
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2019
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2006

Accolades, Affiliations and Activities

- *Defense Research Institute*
- *Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana*
- Freewheelin' Community Bikes
  - Fundraising Organizing Committee, 2018-2020
  - Board of Directors, 2018-2020
- Indiana State Bar Association
- *Indiana Super Lawyers*
  - Super Lawyers - 2021-2026
- Indianapolis Bar Association
  - Board of Directors, 2022-present
  - Insurance Coverage Committee Section Chair, 2022
  - Legal Lines Volunteer
- New York State Bar Association
- Purdue Club of New York City – President, 2009-2010
- Sagamore Inn of Court – Barrister, 2016-Present
- St. Joan of Arc French Market – Organizing Committee, 2013-present
- *The Best Lawyers in America,* 2021-2027
- Valparaiso University School of Law
  - Central Indiana Regional Alumni Council, 2012-2018
  - Indiana State Bar Foundation Scholarship
  - Executive Managing Editor, *Valparaiso University Law Review*

Publications and Presentations

- *The Montreal Convention and the Death of the High Seas Act,* International Air Travel, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Aviation Law Class, 2011-2017.
- "Limiting the use of 'subject to and without waiving' objections," *The Indiana Lawyer*, July 1, 2015.
- *The Montreal Convention and the Death of the High Seas Act*, International Air Travel, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, October 10, 2013.
- "I love Indy, but not the public transit system," *Indianapolis Business Journal*, Op-Ed., February 6, 2012.

Selected Cases and Representation

- *Jana Stacy v. ASI Select Ins. Corp., et al.*, 242 N.E.3d 525 (Ind. Ct. App. 2024)
- *Morgan v. Dickelman Ins. Agency, Inc.,* 202 N.E.3d 454, 457 (Ind. Ct. App. 2002), *transfer denied*, 2023 WL 3354962 (Ind. May 4, 2023)
- *Legend's Creek Homeowners Ass'n, Inc. v. Travelers Indem. Co. of Am.,* 33 F.4th 932 (7th Cir. 2022)
- *Villas at Winding Ridge v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co.,* 942 F.3d 824 (7th Cir. 2019)
- Represented insurers in coverage disputes during which the appraisal process was invoked.
- Represented insurers in coverage disputes regarding major property losses.
- Represented lawyer in malpractice claim by former client.
- Represented individual in litigation involving a breach of a lease.
- Represented property owner in litigation over water drainage problems.
- Represented medical device manufacturer in tort litigation.
- Represented a logistics company in a breach of contract action.
- Represented open-wheel race team in litigation matters.
- Represented homeowners in a dispute with contractors.
- Represented homeowner before the Indiana Court of Appeals in a dispute over a boundary survey.
- Represented shareholder in shareholder derivative action in a closely-held corporation.
- Represented a national security corporation in litigation regarding surveillance duties.
- Represented major airline in litigation arising out of the September 11 terrorist attacks.
- Represented air carrier in litigation arising out of an airplane crash outside of Buffalo, New York.
- Represented airlines in disputes arising out of travel delays and baggage claims.
- Represented insurer in litigation involving hail damage claims.
- Represented insurer in bad faith litigation.
- Represented insurer in dispute over fire damage claim.