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Communication, responsiveness, and results are the hallmarks of Jerry's legal practice. He enjoys the relationships he has developed with his clients, some of whom are now second and third generation clients.

Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Business Litigation
Estate Planning & Administration
Estates, Trusts & Guardianships

Biography

Jerry was a partner with the firm for over 20 years, withdrawing from the partnership and becoming Senior Counsel in 2021. He concentrated his practice in the areas of probate litigation, estate planning and administration, and general civil litigation. He was also formerly the managing partner of the firm. Throughout his career, Jerry was regularly named to Indiana Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America, and is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, its highest rating.

Jerry continues to be associated with the firm in a consulting and mentoring role to his Lewis Wagner colleagues and the [Estate Planning & Administration](#) and [Estates, Trusts & Guardianships](#) practice groups. He and his wife, Laura, now live close to grandchildren in Wisconsin.

Education and Bar Admissions

- DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, B.A., 1978
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., 1982
- Supreme Court of Indiana, 1982
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana, 2008
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 1982

Accolades, Affiliations and Activities

- Child Advocates – Board of Directors Vice President
- Indiana State Bar Association – Probate and Property Section
- *Indiana Super Lawyers*, 2004-2022
 - Top 50, 2013-2014, 2018-2020
- Indianapolis Bar Association
 - Estate Planning and Administration Section Executive Committee, 2010-2012
 - Marion County Superior Court Pro Bono Project
- Indianapolis Bar Foundation
 - Distinguished Fellow
 - Life Fellow
- *Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review* – Rated AV® Preeminent
- Nod to Professionalism by the Indianapolis Bar Association's Professionalism Committee, 2011
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2010-2023
 - Inaugural Business Litigation Issue, Trusts and Estates, Summer 2019
 - Indianapolis, Lawyer of the Year – Trusts and Estates, 2015, 2018
- *The Indiana Lawyer* – Distinguished Barrister, 2015

Publications and Presentations

Jerry has authored several articles and seminars on estate planning, estate administration and probate litigation.

- "Probate Litigation, Contested Guardianships," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, August 22, 2017.
- "Mediating Probate and Trust Disputes: This Isn't Your Ordinary Civil Mediation," Indiana Bar Association, August 8, 2017.
- "120 Hot Tips in Estate Practice, 5 Ways to Discourage Probate Litigation," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum.
- "Probate Litigation, Trust Disputes," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum.
- "120 Hot Tips in Estate Practice, Elder Law Litigation Issues," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum.
- "Estate Litigation, Will Contests," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum.
- "Estate Administration Procedures: Why Each Step Is Important, Common Issues to be Prepared for in Litigation and Probate," National Business Institute.
- "Navigating the Trust Process from State to Finish, Essential Knowledge for Working with Trusts," National Business Institute.
- "Administering the Estate of John Q. Public, Handling Creditors' Claim and Tax Issues," Half Moon, LLC.
- "Probate Litigation, Testamentary Capacity & Remedies of a Beneficiary," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum.
- "Drafting Your First Will or Trust in Indiana, Trust v. Will – Advantages and Disadvantages; Basic Will Drafting; Ethical Considerations," National Business Institute.
- Rules and Procedures of the Marion County Assessor
- "Elder Law Litigation Issues," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum.
- "120 Hot Tips in Estate Practice, 5 Tips on Trust Litigation," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum.
- "Probate Litigation, Estate and Guardianship Accountings," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum.