



Appellate adviser and litigator Mark Crandley is at his best when faced with high-stakes claims that involve issues of critical importance and concern. After nearly two decades of practice, Mark knows what does and does not work. Clients and colleagues alike rely upon him for his judgement and leadership throughout the dispute resolution process.

Mark focuses his practice on appeals, constitutional and government law, commercial litigation, and the resolution of probate disputes. He has represented government entities and businesses in courts across the country, and is valued for his skill in creating effective and efficient litigation strategies, particularly in expedited litigation.

As co-chair of the firm's Appeals and Critical Motions practice and a founder and chair of the firm's Government Litigation group, Mark has represented clients in scores of appeals in both state and federal courts. He has argued before the Indiana Supreme Court on numerous occasions and has also argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Seventh Circuit and for the Sixth Circuit Court, the Indiana Court of Appeals and the Ohio Court of Appeals. Mark has also authored dozens of amicus curiae briefs, including amicus briefs submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. Mark collaborates with other Barnes & Thornburg attorneys to produce an annual review examining the Indiana Supreme Court's docket that is published by the Indiana Law Review.

Mark's practice includes representing local governments in litigation throughout the state of Indiana. He has litigated a broad spectrum of constitutional and municipal law issues, including cases involving municipal utilities, annexation, municipal finance, government contracting, the Home Rule Act, zoning and the federal and Indiana constitutions. He has represented clients in cases of first impression regarding access to public records, public-private partnerships, municipal reorganization, and election issues. He has defended complex constitutional challenges to a variety of state laws and local ordinances. In addition, Mark regularly speaks on topics affecting state and local governments and has co-taught a law school class on the Indiana Constitution.

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EDUCATION

Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, (J.D.), summa cum laude, 2000, managing editor of Indiana Law Journal, octofinalist and best oralist, Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition

Indiana University-Bloomington, (B.A.), journalism, 1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

Indiana Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Administrative

Appeals and Critical Motions

Benefits and Compensation

Commercial Litigation

Mark’s commercial litigation practice includes litigation in both state and federal court, where he has tried cases both to the bench and to juries. He has represented clients in cases involving breach of contract, Articles 2, 3, 4 and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, trade secrets and various forms of trade regulation.

Mark also represents individuals and corporate fiduciaries in probate disputes. He has tried multiple trust and guardianship cases throughout Indiana and on appeal.

Prior to rejoining the firm in 2005, Mark served as in-house counsel for the city of Indianapolis, representing the city in complex civil rights litigation and appeals in state and federal courts. As a result, Mark has an inside perspective on how government agencies operate and what drives their decision-making process, often a key component of effectively representing them today.

Before launching his legal career, Mark worked as a newspaper reporter and editor.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Member, Council of Appellate Attorneys
- Member, United States Supreme Court Historical Society
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Member, Indiana Municipal Lawyers Association
- Board Member, IUPUI University Library
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association
- Board Member, Southern District of Indiana Historical Society
- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association

Honors

- Chambers USA, 2023
- Indiana Super Lawyers 2012-2024, Rising Star 2010
- The Best Lawyers in America, 2013-2024

- Construction
- Contract Litigation
- Corporate
- Employee Benefits Litigation
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOP)
- Environmental
- Estate and Trust Litigation
- Government Litigation
- Litigation
- UCC Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Government and Public Finance
- Government Services