

3rd Annual Shirley's Legacy

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September 21, 2017

On Sept. 21, the firm hosted its third annual Shirley's Legacy event [honoring Shirley Shideler and Indiana's trailblazing women lawyers](#) in the Indianapolis office. The event honored the late Shirley Shideler, a former partner, and trailblazing women lawyers in Central Indiana. In September 1964, Shirley became the first female associate at Barnes & Thornburg and in 1971 became the first woman to be named a partner in a large Indiana law firm. Five prominent female lawyers were honored this year: Judi Sobecki, U.S. general counsel, The AES Corporation; Sharon Barner, vice president and general counsel, Cummins Inc.; Erin Roth, senior vice president, general counsel and secretary, Wabash National Corporation; Carrie Hightman, executive vice president and chief legal officer, NiSource Inc.; Cynthia Kretz, vice president and general counsel, Cook Group Inc. The Indiana Lawyer covered the event in an article entitled ["Women general counsel honored for keeping Shideler's spirit alive,"](#) which was published on Sept. 22.

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