



**Steve Fink was a traditional real estate lawyer who also litigated. He advised on real estate transactions, land use and zoning, eminent domain, construction, and local counsel opinions. He also represented clients in litigation involving real estate and in commercial disputes, including bankruptcy.**

As a young lawyer, Steve was a commercial litigator primarily representing creditors in state and federal courts, including bankruptcy courts. His clients frequently took title to real estate, and asked Steve to assist in the disposition of this real estate. This real estate was often distressed for a variety of reasons, and as a result, years ago, Steve gained significant experience in both litigation and commercial real estate.

Steve was involved in litigation and transactions involving office buildings, strip malls, hotels, apartments, a swimming complex, a marina, incomplete housing developments, industrial parks, funeral homes, railroads and right of ways, manufacturing facilities, signage, livestock operations, gravel pits, schools, a college campus, and farming operations. He represented a variety of businesses in real estate development, land use and zoning matters. He also regularly represented parties in construction disputes, property disputes, eminent domain, and all sorts of commercial litigation.

Steve is the author of *Acquiring Distressed Commercial Real Estate*, and co-author of *The Bankruptcy Code* and *Indiana's Mechanic's Lien Law*. He was seminar co-chairman, speaker and author for "Foreclosure and Repossession in Indiana," sponsored by the National Business Institute. He was co-chairman and speaker at a seminar titled "Protecting Creditors' Rights in Bankruptcy," and co-chairman and speaker at a seminar titled "Credit & Collections in Indiana" sponsored by CPM Seminar Systems, Inc. He spoke on bankruptcy issues at an ICLEF seminar titled "Issues in Commercial Real Estate."

Steve was annually recognized on the Indiana Super Lawyers and the The Best Lawyers in America lists in both bankruptcy and real estate. He was twice named Fort Wayne Bankruptcy Lawyer of the Year by Super Lawyers. In 2011, he was recognized as a "Northeast Indiana Top 100

## Stephen L. Fink

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### EDUCATION

Indiana University-Indianapolis, (J.D.),  
1988

Purdue University, (B.S.), aviation  
technology, 1983

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

Ohio

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth  
Circuit

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

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

### LANGUAGES

English

Connector" by Leadership Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette for being someone who is able to make meaningful connections for others.

In addition to his real estate and commercial litigation practices, Steve is a registered mediator.

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

Council member, Indiana State Bar Association Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Section

Member, Allen County Bar Association Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Section

Former director, Allen County Bar Association

Member, American Bankruptcy Institute

Member, Commercial Law League of America

## **Honors**

The Best Lawyers in America, 2010-2023

Indiana Super Lawyers, 2010-2020

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Northeast Indiana Top 100 Connectors, 2011