



**With more than two decades of experience as a corporate and M&A transactional attorney, John Smarrella serves as outside counsel for a wide variety of closely held and family-owned businesses. John's goal is to serve as a strategic partner and trusted business adviser in assisting his clients to achieve their objectives in a practical and efficient manner.**

John concentrates his practice on corporate and other business law matters. He has considerable experience in acquisitions and dispositions of business entities, joint ventures, minority investments and other business collaborations.

Notably, John's practice includes advising closely held companies on succession planning; long-term supply, manufacturing, licensing and other agreements; tax issues; corporate governance; and executive compensation and incentive arrangements. In addition, John regularly represents clients in the solar energy industry on engineering, procurement and construction projects and other corporate matters.

John's counsel is tailored to protect each client's interests within the context of their overall business strategy and industry. He is appreciated for providing quality and practical legal and business advice, as well as for working productively with business owners and executive leadership to create actionable business solutions that achieve the right result.

A team player at the core, John takes a personal interest in the clients he serves and is proud to serve on their professional teams. As a result, John has maintained some client relationships for decades, a testament to his dedication and the value he consistently provides.

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

Mseember, enFocus Inc. Operations Committee

Board member, St. Mark Missionary Church

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### **EDUCATION**

Notre Dame Law School, (J.D.), magna cum laude, 1996

Greenville College, (B.A.), magna cum laude, 1991

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Indiana

### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

U.S. Tax Court

### **LANGUAGES**

English

### **PRACTICES**

Benefits and Compensation

Commercial Litigation

Corporate

Defined Benefit Plans

Defined Contribution - 401(k) Plans

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Employee Benefits Litigation

Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOP)

Executive Compensation

Exempt Organizations

Joint Ventures

Litigation

Former chair, Indiana State Bar Association Business Law Section

Former board member, South Bend Symphony Orchestra Association

Former board member, Downtown South Bend, Inc.

Former board member, Spring Hill Camps, Inc.

Former member and vice chair, Ray Bird Ministries

**Honors**

South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce Michiana Forty Under 40, 2007

The Best Lawyers in America, 2013-2024

Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity

Nanotechnology

Private Client Services, Trusts and Estates

Tax

Welfare Benefit Plans

**INDUSTRIES**

Agriculture and Food

Energy and Utilities

Financial Services

Renewable Energy