



RICHARD L. NORRIS, *OF COUNSEL*

Richard Norris, a founding partner of the firm, has been named as an Indiana Super Lawyer honoree since 2004 for his work in aviation, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and civil litigation. He is the only recognized Indiana Super Lawyer honoree in the field of Aviation. Rick was featured in the 2016 Indiana Super Lawyers article, "The Steady Hand." Rick has been selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® since 2021. In 2008, he was recognized by the Litigation Section of the Indiana State Bar Association with the Outstanding Professionalism and Civility Award. He was also awarded the Unsung Hero Award by the Indianapolis Bar Association in 2021.

Education

- » Butler University, B.A., 1967
- » Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., 1971

PRACTICE AREAS

- » Aviation Law
- » Complex Civil Litigation
- » Construction Law
- » Insurance Coverage
- » Insurance Defense
- » Large Loss Subrogation
- » Mediation and Arbitration
- » Medical Malpractice
- » Personal Injury
- » Probate Law
- » Product Liability
- » Toxic Torts
- » Wrongful Death

A native of Indiana, Rick was born in Fort Wayne, grew up in South Whitley, Indiana and has practiced law for more than 40 years. He focuses his practice on ADR and a wide variety of civil litigation matters including aviation. He is a registered civil mediator, facilitating mediation and arbitration with litigants. In cases where the number of parties exceeds 8, Rick and fellow firm mediator, Pete Schroeder, have conducted mediations in tandem. Rick frequently served as a medical review panel chairman. In addition, Rick is a trial attorney and continues to litigate conflicts in courts across the Midwest. He is an advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Before attending law school, Rick worked as an insurance underwriter and independent agent. He is an active pilot, having logged more than 3,500 hours and currently holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certification with Instrument and Multi-Engine Ratings. He is also a Certified Flight Instructor for single and multi-engine aircraft and instruments, and a speaker at aviation functions. In 2015, Rick received the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for his skills and safe operations in aviation for more than 50 years. Rick is a Board Member of the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame.

Outside the office, Rick is the current president of The Walker Charitable Foundation, Inc. and has held this role since the foundation's inception. The Walker Charitable Foundation, Inc. provides gap-funding scholarships to disadvantaged students who attend Indianapolis Public Schools.

Bar Admissions

- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- » U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- » U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- » U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- » U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- » U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- » U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- » State of Indiana

Publications

- » Co-Author of monograph, "Aviation and the Law" (1975)
- » Co-Author of monograph, "Aviation Litigation" (1986, 1994)
- » Author, "Passenger Rights and Airline Travel" (2001)
- » Author, "Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct: In An Agency Setting" (2002)
- » Author, "Nuances of Aircraft Litigation" (2003)
- » Author, "Assorted Musings Concerning Jurisdiction and Ancillary Issues in Aviation Cases" (2006)
- » Featured, "The Steady Hand" (2016)

Professional Associations

- » American Board of Trial Advocates
- » Defense Research Institute
- » Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
- » Indiana State Bar Association
- » Indianapolis Bar Association
- » Indianapolis Bar Foundation, Distinguished Fellow
- » Indianapolis Law Club
- » International Society of Air Safety Investigators
- » Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association
- » National Association of Distinguished Neutrals
- » National Transportation Safety Board Bar

Representative Experience

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

» *Detroit Edison Co. v. Protection Mut. Ins. Co.*,
134 F.3d 790 (6th Cir. 1998)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

» *Bateman v. Central Foundry Div., General Motors Corp.*,
992 F.2d 722 (7th Cir. 1993)

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

» *Bateman v. Central Foundry Div., General Motors Corp.*,
822 F.Supp. 556 (S.D. Ind. 1992)

» *In re Greenwood Air Crash*, 873 F.Supp. 1257 (S.D. Ind. 1995)

» *Indiana Ins. Co. v. Hussey Seating Co.*, 176 F.R.D. 291 (S.D. Ind. 1997)

» *Travelers Cas. & Sur. Co. v. Elkins Constructors, Inc.*, No. IP97-1807-C-T/G (S.D. Ind. May 18, 2000)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

» *Zetter v. Griffith Aviation, Inc.*, 435 F.Supp.2d 622 (E.D. Ky. 2006)

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan

» *Allendale Mut. Ins. Co. v. Triple-S Technologies, Inc.*, 851 F.Supp. 277 (W.D. Mich. 1993)

State of Indiana

» *Kahf v. Charleston South Apartments*, 461 N.E.2d 723 (Ind. Ct. App. 1984)

» *Beresford v. Starkey*, 563 N.E.2d 116 (Ind. Ct. App. 1990)

» *Beresford v. Starkey*, 571 N.E.2d 1257 (Ind. Ct. App. 1991)

» *Gilliam v. Contractors United, Inc.*, 648 N.E.2d 1236 (Ind. Ct. App. 1995)

» *Meridian Mut. Ins. Co. v. Purkey*, 769 N.E.2d 1179 (Ind. Ct. App. 2002)

» *Biddle v. BAA Indianapolis, LLC*, 830 N.E.2d 76 (Ind. Ct. App. 2005)

» *Ag One Co-op v. Scott*, 914 N.E.2d 860 (Ind. Ct. App. 2009)

» *Brown Flying School, Inc. v. Terre Haute Intern. Airport Authority*, 911 N.E.2d 735 (Ind. Ct. App. 2009)

» *Atkins v. Veolia Water Indianapolis, LLC*, 994 N.E.2d 1287 (Ind. Ct. App. 2013)

» *Property- Owners Ins. Co. v. Powers*, 38 N.E.3d 229 (Ind. Ct. App. 2015)

» *Aviation Consultants U.S., Inc. v. Timken Alcor Aerospace Technologies, Inc.*, 79 N.E.3d 1015 (Ind. Ct. App. 2017)

» *H.K. v. S.C.*, 83 N.E.3d 1275 (Ind. Ct. App. 2017)

For a list of unpublished cases, please contact Rick at rnorris@ncs-law.com.