



SCOTT A. HARKNESS, *PARTNER*

Scott Harkness, selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers® in America list since 2016 and as an Indiana Super Lawyer honoree since 2019, is a partner at Norris Choplin Schroeder LLP. Throughout his 32-year legal career, he has represented numerous businesses, corporations, municipalities, organizations and insurance companies in the defense of tort suits, construction defects, insurance coverage and environmental litigation matters. His clients have also included multiple large construction companies, insurance companies, homeowners' associations, and clients with environmental clean-up concerns. He regularly assists clients with small business formation and real estate transactions.

Education

- » DePauw University, B.A., 1989
- » Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., 1992

A Hoosier native, Scott was born in Indianapolis. He attended DePauw University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, and then graduated from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

PRACTICE AREAS

- » Aviation
- » Business Services
- » Complex Civil Litigation
- » Construction Law
- » Environmental Law
- » Government Law
- » Insurance Coverage
- » Insurance Defense
- » Mediation, Arbitration, and Appraisal
- » Motor Vehicle and Trucking
- » Personal Injury
- » Product Liability
- » Toxic Torts
- » Wrongful Death

Scott is an active member of the Indianapolis Downtown Kiwanis and serves on its Abe Lincoln Scholarship Committee, which provides significant recognition scholarships for graduating high school seniors in Indianapolis. He is also involved in a variety of other community activities, including coaching for the Carmel Dads' Club's baseball, football, and basketball teams and scouting as a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 132. Scott is an officer of the Saddle Creek Homeowners' Association and member of Carmel United Methodist Church. He is a supporter of local arts organizations and the Indianapolis Zoological Society. Scott currently resides in Carmel with his wife and son.

Bar Admissions

- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- » U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- » U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- » State of Indiana

Professional Associations

- » American Bar Association
- » Defense Research Institute
- » Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
- » Indiana State Bar Association
- » Indianapolis Bar Association
- » Indianapolis Law Club
- » Hamilton County Bar Association

Representative Experience

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

- » *Trinity Homes LLC v. Ohio Cas. Ins. Co.*, 629 F.3d 653 (7th Cir. 2010)

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

- » *American Chemical Service Site RD/RA Agreement Members v. Admiral Ins. Co.*, 396 B.R. 14 (S.D. Ind. 2008)
- » *Trinity Homes LLC v. Ohio Cas. Ins. Co.*, 864 F.Supp.2d 744 (S.D. Ind. 2012)

State of Indiana

- » *Travelers Cas. And Surety Co. v. United States Filter Corp.*, 895 N.E.2d 1172 (Ind. 2008)
- » *Travelers Cas. And Sur. Co. v. U.S. Filter Corp.*, 870 N.E.2d 529 (Ind. Ct. App. 2007)
- » *Cinergy Corp. v. St. Paul Surplus Lines Ins. Co.*, 873 N.E.2d 105 (Ind. Ct. App. 2008)
- » *Warriner v. DC Marshall Jeep*, 962 N.E.2d 1263 (Ind. Ct. App. 2012)
- » *Barnard v. Menard, Inc.*, 25 N.E.3d 750 (Ind. Ct. App. 2015)

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