



RICHARD L. NORRIS, *OF COUNSEL*

Rick 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." In 2008, he was recognized by the Litigation Section of the Indiana State Bar Association with the Outstanding Professionalism and Civility Award.

A native of Indiana, Rick was born in Fort Wayne 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 on behalf of clients. In cases where the number of parties exceeds 10, Rick and fellow firm mediator, Pete Schroeder, have conducted mediations in tandem. Rick has 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 3,400 hours and currently holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate 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 in aviation and safe operations for more than 50 years.

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 underprivileged high school students in Indianapolis.

Education

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

PRACTICE AREAS

- » Aviation
- » Complex Litigation
- » Construction Law
- » Insurance Coverage
- » Insurance Defense
- » Mediation/Arbitration/Appraisal
- » Medical Malpractice
- » Personal Injury
- » Probate Law
- » Products Liability
- » Subrogation
- » Toxic Torts
- » Wrongful Death

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)

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 Northern District of Indiana

- » *Aviation Professionals Institute LLC. v. Gary/Chicago Intern. Airport Authority*, No. 2:06-CV-257WCL-APR, 2007 WL 3286890 (N.D. Ind. Nov. 6, 2007)
- » *McLain v. Dean Baldwin Painting LP*, No. 3:17-CV-584-PPS-MGG, 2017 WL 6547459 (N.D. Ind. Dec. 21, 2017)

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

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)
- » *Travelers Cas. & Sur. Co. v. Elkins Constructors, Inc.*, No. IP97-1807-C-T/G, 2000 WL 748091 (S.D. Ind. June 6, 2000)
- » *Walker v. Science Applications Int'l Corp.*, No. 1:07-cv-1609-WTL-DML, 2010 WL 11561269 (S.D. Ind. May 13, 2010)
- » *Roche Diagnostics Corporation v. Meso Scale Diagnostics, LLC*, No. 1:15-cv-01675-TWP-TAB, 2017 WL 698312 (S.D. Ind. Feb. 21, 2017)

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

- » *Zetter v. Griffith Aviation, Inc.*, 435 F.Supp.2d 622 (E.D. Ky. 2006)
- » *Zetter v. Griffith Aviation, Inc.*, No. 6: 03-218-DCR, 2006 WL 1117678 (E.D. Ky. Apr. 25, 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)
- » *Delta Airlines v. Cook*, 816 N.E.2d 448 (Ind. Ct. App. 2004)
- » *Delta Airlines v. Cook*, 821 N.E.2d 400 (Ind. Ct. App. 2005)
- » *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)