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# JUNIOR PECK WINNERS



## **Seth Kirkpatrick '24**

In 2023, Seth shared the Wabash Moot Court championship with Liam Buckley '22, but in his Senior year the prize was his alone. Seth starts classes at the George Washington University School of Law in the fall of 2024.



## **Cooper Smith '23**

Cooper, a Wabash College Lilly Scholar and two-time Wabash Moot Court winner, earned both a Truman and a Marshall scholarship. He is currently studying at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland while working remotely for the National Constitution Center. When he returns to the United States, Cooper will be joining the Yale Law School class of 2029.



## **Kwaku Sarpong '22**

Upon graduation from Wabash, Kwaku worked in the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF), based in the Montpellier region of the county. The 2018 Wabash College Moot Court winner will obtain his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law in 2026.



## **John Vermeulen '21**

Jake, the only four-time Wabash College Moot Court finalist, won what would have been the 2020 competition, which the pandemic delayed until March 2021. He graduated from the Notre Dame Law School in May 2024 and is busy studying for the bar exam while considering various public sector employment opportunities.



## **Nathan Gray '20**

A Wabash College Lilly Scholar, Nathan received his J.D. from the Duke University School of Law in 2023. He simultaneously pursued and obtained an M.A. in Bioethics and Science Policy from the Duke University Graduate School. He currently works as an associate in the Health Care practice group of McDermott Will & Emery LLP in Washington, D.C.



## **Erich Lange '19**

Erich received his J.D. in 2022 from the Georgetown University Law Center. While in law school, Erich investigated unfair labor practice charges as a Board Agent in the NLRB's field office in Cincinnati, Ohio. He currently represents union clients as an associate with Sherman Dunn, P.C. in Washington, D.C.



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## **Jack Kellerman '18**

After Wabash, Jack worked with Teach for America and RISE Indy as a math teacher in the Indianapolis Public Schools. Jack will receive his J.D. from Washington & Lee University School of Law in 2025.



## **Benjamin Wade '17**

The 2015 Wabash Moot Court winner, Ben received his J.D. from the IU Maurer School of Law in 2020. He litigated for the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. He recently relocated to Fort Worth, Texas, where he works in aviation litigation at the Federal Aviation Administration.



## **Matthew D. Binder '16**

Matt received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2019. He is currently a managing associate in the Product Liability and Mass Torts Litigation group at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago, Illinois.



## **Jacob Burnett '15**

Wabash College's 9th Rhodes Scholar attended the University of Oxford from 2015-17 and received his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School in 2022. Jacob is currently a litigation associate at Williams & Connolly in Washington, DC.



## **Andrew Dettmer '15**

The 2014 Wabash College Moot Court winner, Andrew received his J.D. from the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 2018. He is currently a litigation associate with Dinsmore & Shohl in Indianapolis, Indiana. Andrew was a co-winner with Jacob Burnett in 2015.



## **Cory Kopitzke '14**

After receiving his J.D. in 2017 from the IU Maurer School of Law, Cory worked as an associate in the Health & Life Sciences group of Quarles & Brady LLP. Currently he is Assistant General Counsel for Cardinal Health in Indianapolis, Indiana. Cory won the Wabash Moot Court competition in 2013.



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## **Riley Floyd '13**

Riley, a Wabash College Lilly Scholar and the 2012 Wabash College Moot Court winner, received his J.D. in 2016 from the IU Maurer School of Law. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the Indiana Law Journal. Following law school, Riley clerked for the Hon. David Hamilton, United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. Riley currently litigates with Hoover Hull Turner LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana.



## **Tim Markey '12**

Tim obtained his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 2015. He worked as an associate with Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York, New York through 2019. He continues to be an active member of the New York Bar.



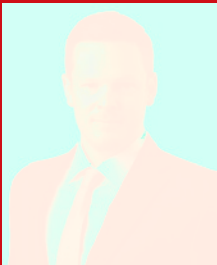
## **Grant Schmutte '11**

Grant Schmutte works in logistics for Nordstrom. He lives in the greater Indianapolis, Indiana area.



## **Alexander Ingram '10**

Alex won the Wabash College Moot Court competition in 2008 and 2009. After Wabash, Alex served as a Fischer Global Service Fellow in Cape Coast, Ghana. He has also gained international work experience in Switzerland and Germany before returning to the United States in 2020. Currently, Alex holds the position of Vice President of Technology at Water Street Healthcare Partners in Chicago.



## **Sean N. Clerget '09**

Sean received his J.D. from the George Mason University - Antonin Scalia Law School in 2012. In the same year, he received a national honor, the Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing. Sean clerked for the Hon. Theresa Springmann, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana and worked as an associate at Arent Fox LLP in Washington, D.C. He is now Chief Oversight Counsel at the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, D.C.



## **Jackson Price '08**

Jackson, a Wabash College Lilly Scholar and the 2005 Wabash College Moot Court winner, earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2011. He was an associate for several years at Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP. He currently serves as Assistant General Counsel, Executive Director at Wells Fargo in Charlotte, NC.



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## **Joseph C. Cooper '07**

Joe received his J.D. from the Harvard Law School in 2012. Between Wabash and law school he taught with Teach for America. He is currently Legal Counsel for the The MathWorks, Inc. in the greater Boston, Massachusetts area.



## **Jacob G. Straub '06**

Jacob obtained his J.D. from the Baylor University School of Law in 2009. He is currently a sole practitioner and an active citizen in West, Texas, a small community about 20 miles North of Wacco.



## **David J. Pryzbylski '05**

David received his J.D. from the IU McKinney School of Law 2008. He has practiced labor and employment law with Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana since 2008, becoming a partner in 2016.



## **Dustin R. DeNeal '04**

Dustin received his J.D. from the IU Maurer School of Law in 2007. He left the partnership of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP (now Faegre Drinker) in 2021 to join First Internet Bank. He currently serves as as First Vice President, Counsel for First Internet Bank in Fishers, Indiana.



## **Nicholas A Roersma '03**

Nicholas earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2006. He has worked with a variety of firms and corporate entities and also maintained a solo business/transactional practice since 2010. He is currently a Review Manager with HaystackID, where he manages and helps direct data review projects with corporate and firm clients for litigation, investigations, and more. He works and lives in the greater Grand Rapids, Michigan area.



## **Nicholas L. White '02**

Nick earned his J.D. from the Vanderbilt Law School in 2005. He practiced with Baker & Hostetler LLP for nine years. In 2014, he founded the Tremont Athletic Club in Cleveland, Ohio, which he still still operates.



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## **Phillip W. Nelson '01**

Phil received his J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 2004. He has worked for multiple law firms. He is currently a Partner in Holland & Knight LLP, working in the Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors Rights Group in Chicago, Illinois.



## **Andrew J. Reitz '00**

Andy received his J.D. from the IU Maurer School of Law in 2003. He litigated with Faruki, Ireland & Cox L.L.P. in Ohio and worked in-house for CareSource Management Group, a non-profit Medicaid manager. Since 2017, he has been Vice President-Compliance for Buckeye Health Plan, a managed care health plan that provides services throughout Ohio. Andrew lives and works in the greater Columbus, Ohio area.



## **Albert Z. Kovacs '99**

Albert received his J.D. from the Duke University School of Law in 2002. He is a shareholder in Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP in Las Vegas, Nevada, handling complex corporate governance and M&A issues in transactions and litigation. He previously served as a teaching assistant professor in the Business Ethics & Legal Studies department of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver.



## **Andrew L. Naugle '98**

Andrew earned his MBA from Notre Dame's Mendoza College in 2001. He has worked in the health insurance industry for over 20 years. He is currently a Principal & Health Care Management Consultant in the Indianapolis, Indiana office of Milliman. He helps insurers, self-funded employers, provider organizations, and other risk bearing entities with strategic planning and execution in healthcare financing and operations.



## **Jason E. Jackson '97**

Jason, the 1996 Wabash College Moot Court winner, earned his J.D. from I.U. Maurer in 2000. He is the founder of Defend Indiana, LLC where he continues his highly successful criminal defense practice. He is based in Noblesville, Indiana.



## **Kevin P. Ferguson '96**

Kevin earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. He is currently Senior Intellectual Property Counsel for Motorola Solutions where he provides global IP counseling and licensing support and manages Motorola Solutions' global trademark and brand protection programs. He is based in New Haven, Connecticut.

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## **Kyle D. Rettberg '95**

Kyle earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1998. He is a partner in Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP in Chicago, Illinois. He litigates complex commercial matters at the trial and appellate level and also serves as his firm's General Counsel. Much of his career has been devoted to representing financial services firms, and he routinely defends broker-dealers in arbitrations before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).



## **Matthew S. Brim '94**

Matt earned his Ph.D. from IU-Bloomington, going on to become a Professor of Queer Studies at the College of Staten Island, CUNY's English Department. He teaches courses on LGBTQ literature and feminist studies. Matt, who has published widely, is also the Executive Director of CLAGS, a graduate center for LGBTQ studies at CUNY.



## **Bradley T. Gerstner '93**

After graduating from the IU Maurer School of Law in 1996, Brad practiced securities law with Ice Miller LLP and then served as Deputy Secretary of State for Indiana. Brad earned his MBA from the Harvard Business School in 2000. In 2008, he founded Altimeter Capital an investment firm focused on technology investments.



## **William E. Padgett '92**

After graduating from IU Maurer School of Law in 1995, Bill joined Barnes and Thornburg LLP where he is a partner in the Indianapolis, Indiana office. Bill's practice primarily includes complex and large scale litigation, including multidistrict litigation in which he defends product manufacturers against pharmaceutical and toxic tort personal injury claims. He has also worked as an adjunct professor at the IU McKinney School of Law.



## **Brian L. Burdick '91**

Brian graduated from IU McKinney School of Law in 1995. Before entering private practice, he worked as deputy treasurer of Indiana under State Treasurer Marjorie O'Laughlin. He currently serves as managing partner of Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Indianapolis office and is a member of the firm's Management Committee. He practices in the areas of government service and public finance law.



## **Matthew C. Breman '90**

Matt graduated from Notre Dame School Of Law in 1993. He practiced law as a partner in Krieg DeVault LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana, prior to his untimely death in October 2003. At the time of his death, Matt was also president of the board of Prevent Child Abuse Indiana, Inc. a division of The Villages. Each year, The Villages holds the Matt Breman Run 5K to honor Matt's commitment to child welfare and support the organization to which he gave his time and efforts.



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## **Michael E. Hatchett '89**

Michael received his J.D. from the Columbia Law School in 1992. He practiced with multiple New York City law firms including Brown Hatchett Williams, LLP of which he was a founding partner. Since 2023, Michael has worked as a Freelance Advisor for GigSuite based in New Delhi, India. Gig Suite helps adults find new, more fulfilling career/life paths. He is on the Advisory Board for Wabash's CIBE.



## **William C. Ahrbecker '88**

Bill earned his J.D. from the IU Mauer School of Law in 1991. After practicing with Bose, McKinney & Evans LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana, Bill left the law in the late 1990's. He has worked for educational and religious entities, including the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. He currently lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.



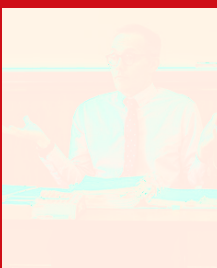
## **Benjamin P. Beringer '87**

Ben obtained his J.D. from the IU Mauer School of Law in 1990. He is a partner of Cray Huber Horstman Heil & VanAusdal LLC in Chicago, Illinois, where he defends physicians and health care entities faced with medical malpractice claims and assists insurance companies and third-party administrators in evaluating and setting loss reserves for such claims.



## **Eric L. Hiser '86**

In 1989, Hiser earned his J.D. from Duke University Law School and an M.A. in forestry and environmental studies from the Duke University Graduate School. He clerked for the Hon. Deanell Reece Tacha, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He is an Owner/Partner of Hiser Joy in Phoenix, AZ, where he practices in the areas of environmental, natural resources and administrative law.



## **Scott D. Himsel '85**

Scott received his J.D. from the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 1989. He clerked for the Hon. S. Hugh Dillin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. After practicing law full-time and teaching part-time for many years, he left his position as a partner on the Not-for Profit team at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP (now Faegre Drinker LLP) to be a full-time Wabash faculty member. He is currently an Associate Professor of Political Science, teaching a variety of law-related classes as well as freshman tutorials and EQ. He also serves as Wabash's pre-law advisor.



## **John M. Barr '84**

John received his J.D. from the Harvard Law School in 1987. He practiced labor & employment law with several prominent firms. From 1998 to 2000, Barr served as commissioner of Virginia's Department of Labor and Industry, where he was responsible for administering and enforcing Virginia's OSHA program, wage payment law and child labor laws. Barr currently pursues a solo labor & employment practice and serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Richmond School of Law and as a Lecturer at the University of Virginia School of Law.



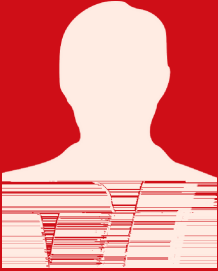


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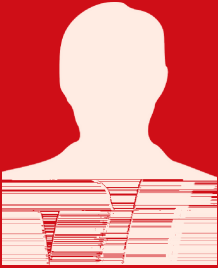
## **Lyndall J. Huggler '83**

Lyndall received his J.D. from the Duke University School of Law in 1986. He advised clients for 37 years at McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC on business structures and acquisition strategies as well as commercial loan transactions, real estate acquisitions, developments, construction projects, leasing and sales; mergers and acquisitions; and condominium and planned community developments. He lives in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.



## **Mark A. Garvin '82**

Mark obtained his J.D. from the Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1985. Formerly a partner in Barnes & Thornburg LLP, he currently resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he maintains a solo practice focusing on civil litigation and appeals and also consults with not-for-profits.



## **David D. Welch '81**

David received his J.D. from the Columbia Law School in 1984. He litigated with various firms in New York City for many years and now lives in Denver, Colorado.



## **Ronald J. Rychlak '80**

Ron attended the Vanderbilt University School of Law earning his J.D. in 1983. He clerked for the Hon. Harry W. Wellford of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and practiced law with Jenner & Block LLP. In 1987 he joined the faculty of the University of Mississippi School of Law where he now serves as the Distinguished University Professor and Jamie L. Whitten Chair in Law and Government. He is a prolific author and has received accolades for his teaching.



## **Alan L. McLaughlin '79**

Al obtained his J.D. from the Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1982. He clerked for the Hon. Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr., U.S. District Court, Middle Dist. of Tennessee. He is currently an Office Managing Shareholder for Littler Mendelson PC, dividing time between Indianapolis, Indiana, and Denver, Colorado. Al represents management in employment litigation.



## **William W. Hall II '78**

Bill obtained his J.D. from the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 1981. He is currently Of Counsel to Warner, Norcross + Judd LLP in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he advises clients in commercial real estate matters with a sub-speciality in mining law.



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## **David Herzog '77**

David obtained his J.D. from the Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1980. He represented businesses in various types of complex commercial litigation as a partner with Baker & Daniels LLP (now Faegre Drinker LLP) in Indianapolis, Indiana, for many years. He also served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Conseco, Inc. David is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is currently a partner in Hoover Hull Turner LLP in Indianapolis where he continues to pursue his complex commercial litigation practice.



## **Harry "Mac" McNaught, Jr. '76**

Mac earned his J.D. from the Duke University School of Law in 1979. He practiced with Baker & Daniels LLP (now Faegre Drinker LLP) where he was elected to partnership in 1985, focusing in the areas of real estate and land use. In 1991, he became the President/CEO of Denison Properties, Inc where he initiated the company's development of mixed-use business parks and other mixed-use developments in metropolitan Indianapolis. He is an emeritus Trustee of Wabash College and currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.



## **Robert Chamness '75**

Bob graduated from IU McKinney School of Law in 1987. He practiced with several firms, developing a national reputation in the area of consumer finance. He left private practice to join Concentrex, a Portland, Oregon-based provider of banking industry software. In 2002 he joined Digimarc Corporation, a world leader in digital watermark technology and applications where he was EVP, Chief Legal Officer & Secretary. He also served as President of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers. Bob is retired and lives in Portland, Oregon.



## **Michael Eckerle '74**

Mike obtained his J.D. from the Duke University Law School in 1977. He provided business advice and counsel for over 40 years to a wide range of companies as a partner in, and Senior Counsel to, Indianapolis-based firms that are now part of Dentons and later as a Member of Frost Brown Todd LLP. Mike is retired and splits his time between Indianapolis and Florida.