



## Charles A. Compton

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**Charles A. Compton is a Member of the Coal, Energy, Construction, and Manufacturing industry groups. He has a broad corporate and transactional practice focusing on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and governance, and real estate transactions. He is the Managing Member of the Firm's office in Evansville, Indiana.**

Charles enjoys being a leader in the Firm. In addition to serving as the Managing Member of the Evansville office, he serves as Chair of the Business Law Practice Group and Chairman of the Firm's Quality Standards Committee, and is a member of the Firm's Nominating Committee.

For Charles, when he's working with a client, he's part of their team. He understands clients have objectives and seek results from both a legal and a business perspective, and he knows how to obtain them. He has over two decades of private practice experience as well as four years of experience as general counsel and member of the executive leadership team of a coal company.

Charles has advised acquirers, target companies, and their owners in many acquisitions and dispositions across a range of industries, including coal, oil and gas, construction, dredging, transportation, manufacturing, wholesale supply, and retail sales. He has advised clients in connection with transactions ranging in enterprise dollar values from the low millions to in excess of one-half billion.

His business law experience includes advising clients on a range of corporate governance issues and representing borrowers and lenders in traditional financing transactions, as well as representing clients in mezzanine debt and preferred capital transactions.

Away from the office Charles is an avid golfer and all-around sports fan (GO HOOSIERS!). He also plays the piano and enjoys attending theatre performances with his family.

## Notable Legal Experience

- Lead counsel for global coal producer in the acquisition of numerous permitted mining operations
- Lead counsel for national heavy civil contractor in multi-stage acquisitions
- Lead counsel for growth stage mining company in private equity sponsor financings
- Lead counsel for third-party acquirer in the formation of entity, alongside senior secured creditors, and acquisitions of active mining operations in bankruptcy proceedings
- General Counsel for privately held longwall coal producer
- Represented the Indiana Coal Council as *amicus curiae* before the Indiana Court of Appeals
- Acted as counsel for mining companies in the negotiation of hundreds of surface land-related transactions, including

surface purchases, surface leases, mining and blasting waivers, restrictive covenants, subsidence agreements, as well as road relocations and closures, both temporary and permanent

## Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2015-Present)
- White Oak Resources LLC, Senior Vice President and General Counsel (2012-2015)
- Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP, Partner (1997-2011)
- Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald & Hahn (1996)
- Ice Miller LLP (1992-1996)

## Practices

- Business Law
- Commercial Lending
- Construction Law
- Economic Development
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Municipal & Tax-Exempt Bonds
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Real Estate
- Securities Regulation & Corporate Governance

## Industries

- Coal
- Construction
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Public Finance

## Education

- Vanderbilt University College of Law (J.D., 1992)
- DePauw University (B.A. in Economics, *cum laude*, 1989)

## Admissions

- Illinois (2012)
- Indiana (1992)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana (1992)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana (1992)
- Indiana Supreme Court (1992)

## Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association
- Energy & Mineral Law Foundation, Trustee
- Evansville Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- Indiana Bar Association

## Community

- DePauw University Alumni Board, Director
- Evansville Country Club, Director
- Reitz Memorial High School, Trustee
- Downtown Evansville Incorporated, Former Chair
- Evansville Downtown Development Corporation, Former Chair
- Tales and Scales, Inc., Former Board Member

## Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Mergers & Acquisitions Law (2021)