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Joshua A. Claybourn is a Member focusing primarily on intellectual property, renewable energy and utility regulation, commercial transactions, and state and local government. He practices out of the Firm's office in Evansville, Indiana.

As the Firm's Intellectual Property and Licensing practice group leader, Claybourn counsels clients on trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. He provides full-service representation from the inception of a mark or brand all the way through to the enforcement or defense of that mark. He has been successful in complex litigation, negotiations, and settling a variety of intellectual property infringements in business, banking, entertainment, sports, and publishing.

Claybourn's clients range from small business owners to Fortune 500 companies. He serves as lead counsel for business formations, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and economic development projects. He also advises businesses and government officials on administrative and constitutional issues.

Claybourn possesses substantial experience with utility law issues. He previously worked in-house with a large publicly-traded energy company and currently consults with renewable energy developers and municipal water and sewer utilities. He provides specialized counsel on leases, bond financings, zoning and land use, and regulatory approvals and rate cases before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Claybourn thrives on providing clients the utmost in service—providing sophisticated advice while managing costs. Others, in fact, recognized early his talent and dedication: *Indiana Lawyer* named him an "Up and Coming" attorney in its first statewide award. Always he remembers and strives to achieve a core goal of our profession: an attorney helps others succeed.

Claybourn's lifelong passion for learning appears not only in his workplace achievements, but also in his love of history — including research and books about Abraham Lincoln. He assists several history non-profit groups, has written and edited a variety of books on Abraham Lincoln, and has appeared on several national television documentaries about Lincoln.

Awards

- Indiana State Bar Association's Donald R. Lundberg Writing Award (2016)
- Indiana Lawyer's Leadership in Law Award, Up and Coming Lawyer (2007)
- Evansville Business Journal's "20 Under 40" (2010)

Notable Legal Experience

- Represented purchaser in negotiation and acquisition of a utility pipeline company valued in excess of \$40 million
- Represented investors of a prominent high rise office building, handling all contract drafting and negotiation, as well as details of operating agreement issues

- Trademark portfolio management, intellectual property strategy counseling, and development of trademark seminars for several Fortune 500 companies and educational institutions
- Served as bond counsel for \$9.5 million in waterworks utility revenue bonds issued for Chandler, Indiana
- Advises municipal clients concerning interlocal agreements entered into by and between units of government
- Counsels municipal clients concerning real property acquisition and improvement, including the use of eminent domain
- Serves as outside counsel to municipal clients seeking to enforce state statutes, as well as local ordinances
- Handled general rate cases before the IURC covering virtually all sectors of the utility service: electricity, gas, water and wastewater
- Represented large corporations, business associations, cultural institutions, manufacturers, local governments and individual interactions with various governmental units and regulatory agencies
- Experience in a variety of transactional practice areas, including health law and physician contracts, drafting and negotiating purchase agreements, and other contract matters

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2015-Present)
- Vectren Corporation (2009-2015)
- Rudolph, Fine, Porter & Johnson, LLP (2006-2009)

Practices

- Business Law
- Economic Development
- Government Relations
- Intellectual Property & Licensing
- Municipal & Tax-Exempt Bonds
- Media
- Opportunity Zones
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Renewable Energy

Industries

- Public Finance
- Utilities
- Energy
- Cannabis Law

Education

- Indiana University McKinney School of Law (J.D., 2006)
Moot Court Honor Society
- Indiana University Kelley School of Business (B.S., 2003)

Admissions

- Indiana (2006)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana (2006)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana (2006)

Professional Organizations

- Evansville Bar Association
- Indiana Municipal Lawyers Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Professional Speaking Engagements

- "Trademarks, Flags, Municipal Seals, and Logos," Indiana Municipal Law Seminar (2019)
- "Doing Your Homework: Buying and Selling Municipal Property," Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers (ILMCT) Institute Academy (2019)
- "Municipal Resolutions, Ordinances and Codifications," Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers (2018)
- "Consolidation of Local Income Taxes," Jackson Kelly PLLC Municipal Law Seminar (2017)

Legal Writings and Publications

- "In defense of Hoosier home rule," *Indianapolis Star*, May 7, 2017
- "How Congress made it easier to sue Israel," *The Hill*, 2017
- "The Opportunities and Pitfalls of Local Human Rights Ordinances," *The Network*, a publication of the Indiana State Bar Association (July 2016)

Academic and History Presentations

- "Abe's Youth and the Indiana Lincoln Inquiry," Abraham Lincoln Association (2020)
- "Abe's Youth and the Indiana Lincoln Inquiry," Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable (2019)
- "The Arc of Our New History," Indiana Political Science Association (2017)
- "The American Presidency" (Roundtable), Indiana Political Science Association (2017)
- "Little Egypt Goes to War," Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable (2017)
- "Lincoln's Almanac Trial," Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable (2015)
- "Post-Civil War Fraternities," Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable (2014)

Academic and History Writings and Publications

- *Abe's Youth: Collected Works from the Indiana Lincoln Inquiry*, Indiana University Press (2019)
- *Our American Story: The Search for a Shared National Narrative*, Potomac Books (2019)

Community

- Abraham Lincoln Association
- Abraham Lincoln Institute
- Evansville Sports Corporation, Board of Directors
- Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Camp Commander
- Trinity United Methodist Church, Administrative Council