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Justin R. Johnson is a Member practicing in the Banking and Financial Services industry groups, focusing primarily on transactional and real property matters, along with trusts and estates. He practices out of the Firm's office in Evansville, Indiana.

Justin enjoys finding ways to use the nuances of the law to the advantage of his clients. He counsels clients in the areas of real estate, energy, and business law and provides estate planning and trust and probate administration services. He understands that each transaction has unique objectives and tailors his sound legal advice to best accomplish these goals.

Justin has experience negotiating and drafting purchase-sale agreements, master service agreements, financing agreements, easements, leases, assignments, deeds, and various land use and commercial agreements and instruments. He advises clients on real estate transactions, including like-kind exchange transactions and seller-financed commercial transactions. He is also experienced in a variety of estate planning and probate matters, including the use of tax-advantaged and special-needs trusts. Justin is licensed to practice in Indiana and Illinois.

Justin earned his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the Southern Illinois University School of Law, with a specialization in business and transactional law. Prior to that, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, also magna cum laude, from Southern Illinois University.

When not practicing law, Justin enjoys upland game hunting and collecting vintage firearms. He also enjoys cooking, especially with home-grown ingredients, and explores various cuisines. He and his wife are currently restoring an early 1900's hardware store in his hometown of Norris City, Illinois.

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2022-Present)
- McCarthy Law Office, LLC, Associate (2019-2022)
- Southern Illinois University School of Law, Research Assistant (2017-2019), Teaching Assistant (2017-2019)
- Law Offices of Matthew L. McCarthy, LLC, Intern (2017-2018)

Practices

- Business Law
- Opportunity Zones
- Real Estate
- Tax

- Trusts & Estates
- Renewable Energy

Industries

- Banking
- Financial Services
- Energy

Education

- Southern Illinois University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2019)
 - CALI Excellence for the Future Awards
 - Bankruptcy
 - Trusts and Estates
 - Lawyering Skills
 - Legislative and Administrative Process
 - Commercial Law
 - Federal Income Tax
 - Charter Class Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale (B.A. in Political Science and Government, *magna cum laude*, 2016)

Admissions

- Illinois (2019)
- Indiana (2021)
- Illinois Supreme Court (2019)
- Indiana Supreme Court (2021)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana (2023)
- United States Court of Federal Claims (2024)

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Professional Landman," Illinois Oil & Gas Annual Convention, Evansville, Indiana (March 2019)

Writings and Publications

- Co-author, "Transfer of Minerals by Out-of-State Intestate Residents," Illinois State Bar Association Newsletter (March and Nov. 2021)
- Co-author, "The Unknown or Contrary Mineral Owner," Illinois State Bar Association Newsletter (Sept. 2019)