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Marc D. Fine is a Member in the Firm's Tax practice group and the Firm's Banking, Financial Services, Hotels & Hospitality, and Manufacturing industry groups, focusing primarily on banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, tax, real estate, and trusts and estates. He practices out of the Firm's office in Evansville, Indiana.

Since joining Jackson Kelly in 2014, Marc's corporate clients look to him for advice on complex business matters, while his individual clients rely on him for trust and probate administration and estate and tax planning. Marc views his work as a puzzle that needs solving and knows that it is up to him to devise a strategy for the best resolution. He finds his work most enjoyable when he can assess a legal issue within a business environment, and use his experience to provide a solution for his clients. Prior to merging with Jackson Kelly, he was the managing partner of a law firm he co-founded in 1987.

Marc's problem-solving skills in business and finance were exercised and strengthened when he was a co-founder of a community bank that is now a part of German American Bank, a 6-billion-dollar financial institution, where he continues his service on its corporate Board of Directors. These experiences also serve as testimonials to his ability to provide clients with the most robust legal representation.

When he isn't in his office, Marc can be found on the golf course with friends, going for a run, or relaxing over a glass of scotch. He is a third-generation season ticket holder for Indiana University football and basketball, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Both his father and grandfather were also practicing lawyers and so is his son. He keeps the tradition alive in many ways.

Marc is an attribute to the Jackson Kelly team, shown through his determination to provide solutions, loyalty to those in and out of the office, and significant experience and knowledge when it comes to representing businesses.

Awards

- Named the *Best Lawyers'* 2020 Evansville Corporate Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law (2012-2024)
- AV-Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell, Peer Review Ratings
- Youth Worker of the Year by Youth Resources of Southwest Indiana (2008)
- Beta Gamma Sigma

Notable Legal Experience

- Counsel to national consulting firm from original formation to growth and expansion, with operations in 35 states, more than 200 individual professional consultants and annual revenue in excess of \$40 million in 12 years

- Counsel to financial institution for the drafting of equipment leasing documents to allow for electronic automated transaction and attainment of the desired tax treatment, residual arrangement and tax identity of the lease
- Counsel to an international plastics manufacturer in the lease and construction of a build to suit and leaseback of a 560,000-square foot distribution facility
- Counsel to a manufacturer in the sub-lease and construction of a build-to-suit 600,000 square foot storage facility on a municipally-owned property leased to a commercial developer
- Counsel to a real estate developer in the negotiating and drafting documentations for the 150-acre site acquisition, including the construction of a golf course and related amenities
- Counsel to hospitality property development firm; assisting the developer with the financing negotiation and documents for construction of the branded hotel at several locations
- Counsel to family patriarch and family members for the design and implementation of various tax advantaged trusts and entity structures to effectively transform wealth to descendants and avoid estate taxation exceeding \$30 million

Practices

- Banking & Finance
- Commercial Lending
- Commercial Restructuring
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Real Estate
- Tax
- Trusts & Estates

Industries

- Banking
- Financial Services
- Hotels & Hospitality
- Manufacturing

Education

- University of Illinois School of Law (J.D., 1984)
- Indiana University (B.S. in Finance, *with distinction*, 1981)

Admissions

- Illinois (2013)
- Indiana (1984)
- Florida (1984)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana

Professional Organizations

- Commissioner for the State of Indiana Uniform Law Commission, Commissioner (National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform Laws)
- Evansville Bar Association
- Indiana Bar Association
- Indiana Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Florida Bar

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Evansville Estate and Financial Planning Council, Member

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Speaking Engagements

- Co-presenter with **Cassee L. Vivian**, "Coordination of Accounts, Documents, and Death Needs," German American Lunch and Learn, Evansville, Indiana (Aug. 4, 2022)
- "Land Contracts vs. Conventional Seller Financing" presented to ERA First Advantage Realty, Inc. (March 2011)
- "Differences Between Living Trusts, Wills, and Wills with Testamentary Trusts," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (March 1997)

Publications

- "Practical Planning for Entrepreneurs," Evansville Business Journal (Feb. 2015)
- "Year-end Estate and Business Succession Planning," Tri-State Better Business Bureau Newsletter, Evansville, Nov. 2012
- "Practical Legal Issues for Buying a Business," Tri-State Better Business Bureau Newsletter, Evansville (February 2010)

Community

- WNIN Tri-State Public Media, Inc., Life Member of the Board of Directors
- Boys and Girls Club of Evansville Inc., Life member of the Board of Directors, Former President
- Foundation for Youth, Inc., Founder, Board of Directors, Former President
- Men's Fund, an affiliate of the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, Founder and Secretary
- Tri-State Public Television and Radio – WNIN, former member of the Board of Directors
- Evansville Country Club, former member of the Board of Directors
- Temple Adath B'nai Israel, Board of Directors, Former President
- Rose Hill Cemetery, Board of Directors, Secretary/Treasurer
- Gaming Commission for the State of Indiana, Commissioner and Vice Chairman
- German American Bancorp, Inc., Board of Directors