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As chair of Ice Miller's Commercial Litigation Group, Adam Arceneaux is dedicated to helping businesses achieve their goals through the strategic use of litigation, alternative dispute resolution and litigation avoidance planning. Early case assessment, meticulous preparation, regular status updates and proactively addressing client needs are at the core of Adam's personal commitment to those he serves.

Adam has developed and implemented successful strategies for multi-million dollar claims. Adam has litigated cases in state and federal courts in 23 states across the country. Adam has served as lead defense counsel in eleven significant class action lawsuits filed in five states. Among his clients are businesses of all sizes, including both privately held and publicly traded companies. He has represented clients in health care, agriculture, manufacturing, distribution and technology, among other industries.

With a focus on complex commercial litigation and around the clock accessibility for emergency claims, Adam's practice includes drafting, defending or defeating covenants not to compete, non-solicitation clauses, confidentiality agreements and trade secrets claims. He has obtained, and defended against, temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, as well as other forms of emergency relief in state and federal courts. Adam has advised clients on more than 250 such matters and has litigated over 60 such matters, including three significant cases which resulted in published opinions by the appellate courts.

In addition, Adam has significant experience resolving business disputes involving termination of dealer/distributorship agreements, contract disputes, Uniform Commercial Code disputes and warranty disputes. He also represents municipalities and municipal utilities in a variety of litigated matters.

Adam serves as a trusted advisor who is frequently called upon as outside general counsel to emerging, fast growth and middle market companies. Persuasive and practical, Adam is valued by clients and colleagues alike for his civility and personal dedication to professionalism. Adam currently serves as Ice Miller's Office Managing Partner in Indianapolis.

Services & Industries

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment & Independent Contractor Agreements
- Employment Litigation & Disputes
- Energy & Utilities Law
- Health Care
- Information Technology & Software Disputes
- Life Sciences & Biotechnology
- Litigation
- Products Liability
- Real Estate Litigation
- Technology
- Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA)
- Wrongful Termination
- Health Care

Adam was born in Cambridge, Maryland and raised in Indianapolis. He and his wife, Margaret, have three adult children.

Education

- Indiana University Kelley School of Business (B.S., *with highest honors*, 1988)
 - Business Analysis and Marketing
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1993)

Admissions

- United States District Court - Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court - Southern District of Illinois
- Indiana
- United States District Court - Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court - Southern District of Indiana
- United States District Court - Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court - Western District of Michigan
- United States District Court - Nebraska
- United States District Court - Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court - Southern District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals - Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals - Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals - Seventh Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Past-President (2023) and Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America Honorary Society
- Co-Founder and Past Chair, Complex Commercial Litigation Institute of the Litigation Counsel of America
- Member, Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Member, Indiana State Bar Association
- Member, Indianapolis Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- *Best Lawyers®*, Agriculture Law, 2024-2026; Commercial Litigation, 2021-2026
- AV-Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell, Peer Review Ratings
- Indiana *Super Lawyer*, 2004-2005, 2007-2022
- Legal 500 U.S. City Elite Rankings in Indianapolis for Commercial Disputes, 2025
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America Honorary Society
- Distinguished Fellow, Indianapolis Bar Foundation
- William E. Wegner Professionalism Award, Litigation Counsel of America, 2022
- Peter Perlman Service Award, Litigation Counsel of America, 2017
- Partners in Philanthropy: Keystone Award, Indiana University Foundation, 2013

- Presidential Leadership Award, Martin University, 2009
- Spirit of Philanthropy Award, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, 2008

Community Involvement

- Board of Directors, Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2025
- Co-Chair, Center Celebration Committee, 2023 and 2024, Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts
- Secretary, Board of Directors, The Great American Songbook Foundation
- Board of Directors, Hamilton County Community Foundation
- Secretary, Board of Trustees, Indiana Historical Society
- President, Board of Directors, The Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Inc.
- Past Chair and Member Emeritus, Board of Visitors, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- Past President, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Graduate, Stanley K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series, Class XXVI
- Member, Lacy Leadership Association

Thought Leadership

April 24, 2024

FTC Publishes Rule Proposing Ban on Noncompetes

Published In

- "Are Noncompetes Overly Broad?," *The Indiana Lawyer*, August 21, 2019
- "Litigating Forum Selection Clauses: Supreme Court Guidance on Practice and Procedure," *6 Litigation Commentary & Rev.* 33, July/August 2014
- "Non-Competes Are Not Worth the Paper They Are Written On ... And Other Myths," *Inside Indiana Business*, September 7, 2007

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, Complex Commercial Litigation Institute Summit, Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 13, 2026
- "Civility," Litigation Counsel of America Renaissance Symposium XVII, New York, New York, December 1, 2023
- President and Moderator, Litigation Counsel of America Conference & Celebration of Fellows, Banff, Alberta, Canada, August 30 - September, 2023
- President and Moderator, Litigation Counsel of America, Spring Retreat, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, April 23-25, 2023
- "Interlocutory Issues: Interlocutory Appeals and Cross Motions for Summary Judgment," Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, How to Try a Case in the Indiana Commercial Courts, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 24, 2023
- "Civility in the Legal Profession," Litigation Counsel of America, Virtual Presentation, March 22, 2022

- "Document Preservation, Collection, and Production in E-Discovery," Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 28, 2021
- "Live Jury Trials in the Time of Covid: Lessons from the Front Lines," Litigation Counsel of America Webinar, November 5, 2020
- "Trade Secrets and Non-Competes: One Size Does Not Fit All," ICLEF Masters Series, Advanced Corporate Counsel 2020, West Baden, Indiana, September 24, 2020
- Chair and Moderator, Complex Commercial Litigation Institute Summit, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 7-8, 2020
- "Trade Secrets and Covenants Not to Compete: Prevention and Cure," Ice Miller CLE Forum, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 5, 2019
- "Maintaining Civility in Civil Litigation," Complex Commercial Litigation Institute, Santa Barbara, California, May 2, 2019
- "The Indiana Commercial Courts," ICLEF Masters Series, Advanced Corporate Counsel 2018, French Lick, Indiana, October 4, 2018
- "Unintended Consequences in Business Litigation," Complex Commercial Litigation Institute, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 10, 2018
- "Protecting Your Business: Covenants Not to Compete, Restrictive Covenants, and Trade Secrets," Ice Miller CLE Forum, Columbus, Ohio, November 29, 2017, and Indianapolis, Indiana, December 5, 2017
- "The Emergence of State Business and Commercial Courts," Complex Commercial Litigation Institute, Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 4, 2017
- "Anti-Kickback Statute and The Stark Law/Litigation Avoidance and Preparedness," Client Presentation, Company-wide Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 29, 2016
- "Moonlighting? Protecting Your Start-up from Your 8-5 Employer," TechPoint Entrepreneur Boot Camp Series, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 12, 2015
- "Trial Techniques: How to Bring a Boring Breach of Contract Case to Life," Litigation Counsel of America, Spring Conference, Newport Beach, California, April 16, 2015
- "Crisis Management," Young Presidents' Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 14, 2011
- "Injunctive Relief in Business Litigation: Procedure and Strategy," Litigation Counsel of America, Spring Conference, Miami Beach, Florida, May 1, 2008