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Kipper (Kip) Tew is a distinguished legal professional known for his extensive experience in public affairs and municipal law. He was recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in Governmental Affairs two years running. With a career spanning a large cross section of industries and issues, Kip has had a role in shaping policy in Indiana in many different sectors including energy, transportation, gaming, alcohol, cannabis, psilocybin, human rights, gun safety, and public safety, among others.

Kip's knowledge and experience in policy matters led to his inclusion in the state task force responsible for restructuring Indiana's tax code, a critical initiative with far-reaching implications for the state's fiscal policies. He also represented Indiana in several international trade missions to countries such as Japan, Taiwan, and England, displaying his commitment to building global relationships.

Kip's dedication to the political process is evident through his active involvement in numerous significant campaigns and leadership roles. Notably, he served as the State Chair for the Barack Obama presidential campaign in Indiana, playing a pivotal role in the campaign's success within the state. He further highlighted his leadership abilities as the former Chairperson of the Indiana Democratic Party, where he played a crucial role in shaping the party's direction and priorities.

Kip's influence in the political landscape extends beyond his party leadership roles. He served as the Chief Legal Counsel to the Minority Leader and previous Speaker of the House, Representative B. Patrick Bauer, where he provided vital legal expertise to shape legislative initiatives. Additionally, he contributed as an advisor in various statewide campaigns, including those for Governor, Secretary of State, United States Senate and Attorney General. He was deputy campaign manager for Governor Joe Kernan and served as an advisor to Governor Kernan when he was both Governor and Lt. Governor.

Kip's career in politics and public service has been multi-faceted. He previously chaired the Marion County Democratic Party and was a member of the Indianapolis City-County Council, actively contributing to local governance.

Kip is the author of the book "Journey to Blue: How Barack Obama Won Indiana in 2008."

Services & Industries

- Build a Smarter City with Ice Miller
- Election Security
- Gaming, Sports Betting & Alcohol Law
- Government Affairs & Regulatory Law
- Government
- Ice Miller Strategies - Federal Public Policy & Consulting
- Indiana Executive Order Hub
- Indiana Lobbying
- Political Law

Kip began his legal career as counsel to a major state agency, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and evolved as he assumed the role of Manager of Government Affairs at PSI Energy (now Duke Energy), a prominent multi-state electric and gas utility. During his tenure at PSI Energy, he focused on many utility-related issues, including environmental concerns.

Kip Tew's illustrious career stands as a testament to his commitment to public service, his deep involvement in shaping Indiana's political landscape, and his dedication to addressing complex legal matters within the realms of public affairs and municipal law.

Education

- Indiana University (B.S., 1984)
- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (J.D., 1989)

Admissions

- Indiana

Professional Affiliations

- Indianapolis City-County Councilor
- Current Chairman, Fathers and Families Center
- Member, Government Affairs Society of Indiana
- Secretary Treasurer, Marion County Recreational Facilities, 2000 - 2008
- Member, Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, 2000 - 2008
- Member, State Office Building Commission, 1999 - 2004
- Board of Directors, Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library, 2009 - present

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers® in America*, Government Relations Practice, 2024-2026

Key Matters

Selected Experience

- Helped coordinate passage of comprehensive overhaul to Indiana's tax law
- Worked with clients to protect market share in the gaming industry
- Assisted two major elected official associations with pay and benefit increases during trying economic times
- Worked with client to develop comprehensive multi year strategy to gain passage of legislation that allowed for an expansion of client's business
- Helped client secure favorable tax treatment from the Indiana General Assembly with respect to potential unfair tax

Thought Leadership

June 10, 2022

Legislative Updates from Indiana

March 23, 2020

Indiana's "Stay At Home" Order in Response to COVID-19

Speaking Engagements

- Co-Presenter, "Money on the Table," Presentation, December 6, 2022
- Co-Presenter, "Public Affairs & Lobbying Presentation," The AgrlInstitute Ag Leadership Program, December 1, 2022
- Guest, "All Indiana Politics," WISH-TV Sunday Show, May 23, 2021
- Guest Analyst, WISH TV in Indianapolis for the President's Joint Address, April 28, 2021
- Presented a mid-session legislative update to the Conexus Indiana Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics Councils, March 2021
- Co-Presenter, "Smart Cities in a COVID-19 World," Mayor's Institute Hosted by Ball State University and AIM (Accelerate Indiana Municipalities), November 9, 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Smart Cities," Litera TV, September 3, 2020
- Presenter, "A Legislative Preview of Top Issues," Indiana Economic Development Association, December 2019
- Presenter, "IoT for Smart Cities," Practicing Law Institute's Internet of Things 2018: Everything is Connected, New York, NY, July 27, 2018
- Presenter, "Engaging Men in the Diversity Discussion," 2018 Indianapolis Women's Leadership Conference, August 28, 2018
- Co-Presenter, "Why Executive and Legislative Branch Lobbying is Good for Business – If You're Not at the Table, You're on the Menu," CLE Forum, Indianapolis, 2018