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Michael Wukmer, a partner in Ice Miller's Litigation practice, is a seasoned, aggressive, no nonsense advocate, who represents businesses and individuals in complex, high stakes, and "bet the company" litigation. First and foremost, he is a trial lawyer, serving as lead counsel in jury and bench trials, arbitrations, and appeals, handling matters where outcomes are critical to the client's business, assets, or reputation. Beyond the courtroom, Michael is highly client-focused, advising businesses and individuals on strategies to manage risk, to avoid litigation, or to posture for favorable outcomes in anticipated disputes.

Michael's practice encompasses all types of business conflicts, such as contract disputes, shareholder and partnership disputes, fiduciary duty claims, executive compensation disputes, employment claims, and actions to protect confidential information, preserve corporate assets, and prosecute or defend claims against competitors. He has extensive experience in matters involving trade secrets, intellectual property, unfair competition, restrictive covenants, non solicitation agreements, and corporate raiding. Michael also has significant experience in disputes concerning real estate and development, healthcare, agribusiness, municipal finance, data security and privacy, and other technology-related issues.

Michael works closely with attorneys across Ice Miller's practice groups to ensure that litigation strategy aligns with each client's business objectives. His ability to analyze complex situations quickly and to integrate litigation strategy with business considerations enables clients to make informed decisions under pressure to posture for successful outcomes.

Education

- University of Cincinnati (B.A., 1981)
 - English Literature
- University of Cincinnati College of Law (J.D., 1984)

Admissions

- United States District Court - Northern District of Illinois
- Indiana

Services & Industries

- Agricultural Employment: Labor, OSHA & Employee Benefits
- Benefit Disputes & Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate & Finance Matters for Food & Agribusiness
- Employment & Independent Contractor Agreements
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Litigation & Disputes
- Employment Policies & Training
- Energy & Utilities Law
- Farm Restructuring & Estate Planning
- Food & Agribusiness
- Food & Agribusiness Memberships & Affiliations
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property: Protecting Agriculture's Assets

- United States District Court - Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court - Southern District of Indiana
- Supreme Court of Indiana
- United States District Court - Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court - Northern District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals - Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals - Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals - Tenth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals - Federal Circuit

Awards & Honors

- *The Best Lawyers In America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2015-2026
- AV-Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell, Peer Review Ratings
- *Chambers USA* America's Leading Lawyers for Litigation: General Commercial, 2011-2025
- *Indiana Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2007-2022
- *BusinessToday.news* Lawyer Awards, Exploring 10 Influential Commercial Litigation Lawyers, 2023
- Legal 500 U.S. City Elite Rankings in Indianapolis for Commercial Disputes, 2025

Key Matters

Representative Clients

- Lenex Steel Company
- Lucas Oil Products, Inc.
- Menard, Inc.
- National FFA Foundation, Incorporated
- National FFA Organization

Reported and Representative Cases

- *Renal Care Group Indiana, LLC v. City of Fort Wayne*, 2019 WL 2300626 (N.D.Ind. May 29, 2019)
- *Linkmeyer Development II, LLC v. City of Lawrenceburg*, 2019 WL 1388482 (Ind.Ct.App. Mar. 28, 2019)
- *Am. Consulting, Inc. v. Hannum Wagle & Cline Eng'g, Inc.*, 104 N.E.3d 573 (Ind. Ct. App. 2018)
- *21st Amendment, Inc. v. Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission*, 84 N.E.3d 691 (Ind. App. 2017)
- *Tipton County Board of Commissioners v. Prather*, 75 N.E.3d 536 (Ind.Ct.App. 2017)
- *Sterett Crane and Rigging, LLC v. White Construction, Inc.*, 2017 WL 1197290 (S.D.Ind. Mar. 31, 2017)
- *American Bank v. City of Menasha*, 627 F.3d 261 (7th Cir. 2010)
- *Australian Gold, Inc. v. Hatfield*, 436 F.3d 1228 (10th Cir. 2006)
- *Belford v. McHale Cook & Welch*, 648 N.E. 2d 1241 (Ind. App. 1995)
- *Board of Comm'rs of LaPorte Co. v. Town & Country Utilities, Inc.*, 791 N.E.2d 249 (Ind. App. 2003)

- *Bd. of Tr. of Pub. Employees' Ret. Fund of Ind. v. Morley*, 580 N.E.2d 371 (Ind. App. 1991)
- *Brenwick Associates, LLC v. Boone County Redevelopment Com'n*, 870 N.E.2d 474 (Ind. App. 2007)
- *Clear Creek Conservancy Dist. v. Kirkbride*, 743 N.E. 2d 1116 (Ind. 2001)
- *Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. v. Town of Plainfield ex rel. Plainfield Plan Com'n*, 848 N.E.2d 285 (Ind. App. 2006)
- *Eaton Corp. v. Appliance Valves Corp.*, 790 F.2d 874 (Fed. Cir. 1986)
- *Freeman v. Sports Car Club of America, Inc.*, 51 F.3d 1358 (7th Cir. 1995)
- *Geiger & Peters, Inc. v. Berghoff*, 854 N.E.2d 842 (Ind. App. 2006)
- *Harmony Health Plan of Ind., Inc. v. Ind. Dept. of Admin.*, 864 N.E.2d 1083 (Ind. App. 2007)
- *Indiana-American Water Co., Inc. v. Town of Seelyville*, 698 N.E.2d 1255 (Ind. App. 1998)
- *Ind. Ins. Co. v. Plummer Power Mower & Tool Rental, Inc.*, 590 N.E.2d 1085 (Ind. App. 1992)
- *Indiana Port Comm'n v. Consol. Grain and Barge Co.*, 701 N.E.2d 882 (Ind. App. 1998)
- *Kamel v. Hill-Rom Co., Inc.*, 108 F.3d 799 (7th Cir. 1997)
- *Mayhue v. Sparkman*, 653 N.E.2d 1384 (Ind. 1995)
- *Menard, Inc. v. Dage-MTI, Inc.*, 726 N.E.2d 1206 (Ind. 2000)
- *Nightingale Home Healthcare, Inc. v. Anodyne Therapy, LLC*, 626 F.958 (7th Cir. 2010)
- *Nightingale Home Healthcare, Inc. v. Anodyne Therapy, LLC*, 627 F.3d 261 (7th Cir., 2009)
- *Norlund v. Faust*, 678 N.E.2d 421 (Ind. App. 1997)
- *Norlund v. Faust*, 675 N.E.2d 1142 (Ind. App. 1997)
- *Old Town Neighborhood Ass'n Inc. v. Kauffman*, 333 F.3d 732 (7th Cir. 2003)
- *Overland Exp., Inc. v. Int'l Multifoods*, 765 F.Supp. 1386 (S.D. Ind. 1990)
- *Polinsky v. Violi*, 803 N.E.2d 684 (Ind. App. 2004)
- *Prostyakov v. Masco Corp.*, 513 F.3d 716 (7th Cir. 2008)
- *Robert's Hair Designers, Inc. v. Pearson*, 780 N.E.2d 858 (Ind. App. 2002)
- *Sanitary Dist. of City of Hammond v. Town of Griffith*, 39 N.E.3d 400 (Ind. App. 2015)
- *Tipton County Board of Commissioners v. Prather*, 75 N.E.3d 536 (Ind. App. 2017)
- *600 Land, Inc. v. Metropolitan Bd. of Zoning Appeals of Marion Co.*, 863 N.E.2d 339 (Ind. App. 2007)
- *Western Sales & Serv., Inc. v. Ford Motor Co.*, 576 N.E.2d 631 (Ind. App. 1991)