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Practice Areas

Government Services

Municipal, Townships &
Counties

Bar Memberships

Indiana

Kevin Charles Murray concentrates his practice in governmental services and serves as General Counsel to Marion County Sheriff Kerry J. Forestal. He formerly served as General Counsel to Sheriff John Layton, Sheriff Frank Anderson, Special Counsel to Governor Joseph E. Kernan, and Senate Parliamentarian to Lt. Governor Katherine L. Davis. Kevin served upon the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Consolidation Advisory Committee to help create a new police agency for Indianapolis. As Counsel to Sheriff Frank Anderson, he successfully resolved a 35-year federal litigation case over unconstitutional jail conditions.

For over 40 years, Kevin has been involved in Indiana government and has extensive previous experience with the Indiana General Assembly. From 1975–1979, he was an assistant to the Indiana Senate Democratic Caucus. In 1980, Kevin served as legal counsel to then Senator Frank O'Bannon and the Democratic Senators during the annual legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly. From 1981–1986, he provided legal counsel to the Democratic Representatives during the annual legislative sessions of the Indiana General Assembly. In 1997, he was named Counsel for the Senate Democratic Caucus. Then Lt. Governor Joseph Kernan selected Kevin to serve as his Parliamentarian for the Indiana Senate in 1999, and he served Lt. Governor Davis in that capacity during 2003–2004. Kevin served as Parliamentarian to the Indiana Democratic Party (2003–2012).

From September 2003 to January 2005, Kevin served as Special Counsel to Governor Joseph Kernan. During that time, he also served as the Governor's Policy Director for Indiana's Gaming Agencies—the Hoosier Lottery, the Indiana Gaming Commission, and

the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. Previously, he served as Special Counsel to the Indiana Lottery.

Kevin's previous litigation practice focused primarily on health care (1979–2003), and included the successful defense of numerous physicians and hospitals, as well as the Indiana Department of Insurance's Patient's Compensation Fund. He formerly chaired the Medical Malpractice Section of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana (DTCI), and Locke Reynolds' Medical Malpractice Defense Group. Kevin is the author of several publications and has been a speaker for the Indiana University School of Medicine, the Indiana University School of Law, and Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA).

Kevin has been active in State Law Resources, an international network of law firms focusing on governmental activities in capitol cities, since 2000. He served as SLR Secretary and Board Member for several years. Kevin served as the President of SLR in 2014.

Other Info About Kevin

Education

Indiana University School of Law, J.D., 1979, *cum laude*

Ball State University, College of Architecture and Planning, M.S.H.P., 2014

Indiana State University, B.S., 1975, *magna cum laude*

Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District

U.S. District Court, Northern District

U.S. Supreme Court

Recognition

The Best Lawyers in America®, Administrative/Regulatory, 2010–2026

Indianapolis Administrative/Regulatory Law “Lawyer of the Year”
(2020, 2022)

St. Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshal and Irish Citizen of the Year
(2019)

Congressional Record Recognition – Congressman Andre Carson
(2019)

Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation (2019)

Distinguished Barrister of the Year, the *Indiana Lawyer* (2019)

Kevin Charles Murray Day, Mayor Joseph Hogsett (March 10, 2019)

St. Philip Neri Hall of Fame (2013)

Indianapolis Irish Fest, Honorary Chair (2006)

Indiana Super Lawyers® (2005–2008)

Senate Resolution 5 Honoree (2005)

Sagamore of the Wabash, Governor Joseph E. Kernan (2004)

Distinguished Service Award, Kevin Barry Division, #3, Ancient Order
of Hibernians (2001)

Indiana Defense Lawyer of the Year, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
(1999)

Professional Affiliations

Ancient Order of Hibernians, Kevin Barry Division #3

Ball State University Alumni Association

Indiana Historical Society

Indiana Landmarks

Indiana Sheriffs’ Association

Indiana State Museum Society

Indiana State University Alumni Association

Indiana State Bar Association

Indiana University Alumni Association
Indianapolis Athletic Club Foundation
Indianapolis State Bar Association
Indy Irish Fest
Irvington Historical Society
Marion County Democratic Capitol Club
National Sheriffs' Association
Newfields
Sigma Pi Kappa, National Historic Preservation Honor Society
State Law Resources

Civic Activities

Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission
Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (GIPC) (2000 – 2007)
Plat Committee, Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (1999 – 2001)
Indiana Celtic Cross Committee (2006)
1st Irish Regiment of Indiana Monument Committee (2011)
Thomas Taggart Memorial Committee (2012 – 2021)
Indianapolis Fire Merit Board (2000–2007)
Indiana Democratic Party, Parliamentarian (2003–2012)
Metropolitan Law Enforcement Consolidation Advisory Committee (2006–2007)

Firm Committees

Indiana PAC Committee, Member

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