



John M.T. Chavis, II

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John Chavis concentrates his practice in the Firm's Products Liability, Governmental Services and Labor & Employment Groups. John hit the ground running when he came to Locke Reynolds with great experience as Deputy Attorney General, Director of Policy and Planning and Deputy Prosecutor.

Client Industries:

Manufacturing, trucking, insurance, government and regulatory services

Awards & Recognitions:

- Who's Who in Black Indianapolis, 2005/06 Edition
- Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

Representative Cases:

- Serve as insurance defense and general litigation counsel for largest housing agency in Indiana
- Extensive experience handling various forms of complex litigation, involving manufacturers, governmental entities and trucking companies in state and federal courts
- Serve as general counsel for a medical spa and commercial development operation involving construction, labor and employment, intellectual property and general business matters

Professional Associations:

- Housing Authority Defense Attorneys Association
- National School Board Association, Council of School Attorneys
- Federal Bar Association
- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
- Indianapolis Bar Association
- Indiana State Bar Association
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
 - o 2008 Diversity for Success Seminar Planning Committee
 - o Co-Chair Membership Subcommittee for Diversity Committee

Previous Experience:

- Attorney General Karen Freeman-Wilson campaign, Campaign Director, 2000
- Deputy Attorney General for the Office of the Attorney General, Tort Litigation Section, the Consumer Protection Division and as Director of Policy and Planning, 1997-2001
- Chavis & Chavis, Attorney
- Marion County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Deputy Prosecutor, 1994-1996
- Department of Revenue, Legal Division, Tax Analyst, 1993-1994

Assistant:

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Publications:

- "Supreme Court Upsets Department's FMLA Regulation," Labor and Employment Update, 2002

Speaking Engagements:

- "When Things Go Wrong - Handling Various Employee Complaints Involving the Workplace," Statewide Conference on Housing and Community Economic Development, 2007
- "Diversity in Practice," Indiana Lawyer and the Marion County Bar Association, Speaker and Planning Committee, 2007
- "Public Education and the First Amendment," New York State Bar Association, 2003
- "The Wonderful World of the Indiana Tort Claims Act," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, 2003
- "Violence in Schools - Where Does Liability Rest?" National School Boards Association, 2003
- "Publication and the Law," "Legally Speaking" WTLC radio show, 2003
- "Ban Notices Enforcing Constitutional Controls in Public Housing," Housing Authority Defense Attorneys, 2002



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Community Involvement:

- Metropolitan Development Commission, Committee Member, Plat Commission, 2002-2007
- Indiana Board of Podiatric Examiners, Board Member, 2003-2007
- Lawrence Police Merit Commission, 2007
- The Partnership for Lawrence, 2007
- Oaklandon Youth Organization, Board Member, 2006-2007

Education:

- Lincoln University, B.A., 1986
- Florida State University College of Law, J.D., 1993 (Virgil Hawkins Fellow)

Personal:

John and his family chose Indianapolis as a great place to live. Why consider Locke Reynolds as a number one choice, as well? He says, "The firm is of significant size, but the culture fosters strong relationships - we know each other and socialize together. This benefits clients as they see us working together to meet their needs and solve their problems." By finding a firm that is the right fit in the right city, he has found two places he calls home.

