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Rob Thornburg is a partner and trial attorney who has tried more than 20 jury trials to verdict, including product liability, breach of warranty, lemon law, premises liability, warranty claims and automobile negligence cases. Rob has experience in Indiana State and Federal courts and in other jurisdictions. He has also testified before the Indiana Legislature on issues of importance to Indiana insurers.

Client Industries:

Automobile, recreational vehicle and other product manufacturers, distributors and retailers, and individuals and companies in automobile accident and premises liability lawsuits

Awards & Recognitions:

Outstanding Young Lawyer, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, 2005

Professional Associations:

- Defense Research Institute
 - Products Liability Sub-Committee
- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
 - Products Liability Section - former Chair, Publications Chair, Court Liaison and Editor of the Section's quarterly newsletter and case law update
- Indianapolis Bar Association
- Sagamore American Inn of Court in Indianapolis

Publications:

- "Rebuttable Presumption Affirmed," *The Indiana Lawyer*, 2007
- *Indiana's Product Liability Act & Related Statutes*, 2004
- "Indiana's Rebuttable Presumption in Product Liability Jury Trials," *The Indiana Lawyer*, 2004
- "Electronic Discovery: Suggestions for Resisting Inappropriate Intrusions," *For The Defense*, 2004

Education:

- Ball State University, B.S., *cum laude*, 1993
- Indiana University, J.D., 1996

Assistant:

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Public Speaking:

- "Issues Affecting the Trucking Industry," multiple Harmonie Group presentations, Chicago, St. Louis and Toronto
- "Challenges to Expert Witness Testimony," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana annual meeting, 2007
- "Mouse Clicks Instead of Paper Cuts: The Electronic Courtroom & The Paperless Trial," Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, 2007
- "Opening Statements and Closing Arguments," Indianapolis Bar Association, 2005
- "Economic Loss Doctrine and Warranty Litigation," Defense Research Institute, 2005
- "Old Tricks, New Dogs, Voir Dire Basics," Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, 2005
- "Chaired" Trucking Section meeting and led panel discussion, Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana annual meeting, 2002

Community Involvement:

- St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, Welcome Committee and Food Pantry

Personal:

Rob is an avid runner. He and fellow partner, Jeff Mortier, completed the Marine Corps Marathon in 2006 and the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon in 2007.

