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Justin Hazlett handles all aspects of general civil defense matters from initial pleadings through discovery to trial in all state and federal courts throughout Indiana. He represents insurance carriers and insured businesses and individuals sued in tort litigation, including premises liability, general liability, vehicle accident liability and product liability.

Justin's 20-year career with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, most recently as Deputy Attorney General and Section Chief of Consumer Litigation, well equips him to effectively counsel businesses, respond to government investigations and defend against government enforcement actions. As Section chief, Justin oversaw enforcement of state consumer protection laws and competition laws, as well as laws governing public charitable trusts and nonprofit corporations. He managed the identification of subjects for investigation, assigned case teams to investigate and litigate cases, supervised the progress of investigations and civil actions, and assisted with the formulation of litigation and negotiation strategies.

Government Enforcement Actions

As a 20-year veteran of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, Justin has successfully resolved a multitude of government investigations and civil actions involving state and federal UDAP (unfair and deceptive practices) claims and other consumer law claims alleging deception, fraud or unfair practices. Justin's experience ranges from small cases involving one consumer complainant to large multi-state cases worked in conjunction with other state and federal enforcement authorities and involving thousands of impacted consumers.

Given the unique pre-litigation investigative tools at their disposal and significant resources to expend on investigations and actions, governmental enforcement agencies require an effective response. This means proactively engaging with the agency to reasonably meet its demands while at the same time ensuring the client's interests are

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Government Investigations
- Commercial Litigation

protected. Justin's extensive experience on the other side of the table gives his clients an edge in this regard.

Justin has similar investigation and enforcement experience with respect to nonprofit organizations and public charitable trusts. He has successfully resolved numerous cases involving claims that nonprofit corporations or their directors misapplied or wasted corporate assets, failed in their corporate purposes or breached their fiduciary duties.

Education

- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., 1999)
- Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (B.A., 1995)

Bar Admissions

- Indiana

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana

Professional Affiliations

- Indiana State Bar Association

Representative Matters

Securities Fraud

Lead Indiana counsel in the state's civil action alleging securities fraud against a credit rating agency.

Member of a joint States – U.S. Department of Justice negotiating team securing a \$1.375 billion settlement for the DOJ, 19 states and the District of Columbia. Obtained more than \$21.5 million as Indiana's settlement allocation.

Usury

Negotiated a settlement of the state's civil action alleging pay-day-lender defendants charged usurious interest rates. Secured a consent judgment providing more than \$10 million in loan forgiveness, \$1 million restitution award for refunds to affected consumers, \$25,000 costs, and a two-year ban on the defendants' consumer lending in Indiana.

Nonprofit – Misapplication of Corporate Assets

Lead counsel in state's civil action securing a judgment imposing a receivership over a nonprofit corporation, recovering assets valued at more than \$7 million.

Lead counsel negotiating a mediated settlement of the state's civil action against a nonprofit volunteer fire department and its former director, recovering the department's fire

station for continued use as a fire station by a neighboring fire department.

Appellate Defense of Attorney General's Investigative Authority

Briefed and argued a case before the Indiana Court of Appeals successfully defending against a challenge to the Attorney General's pre-litigation civil investigative demand authority.