

# John D. Tinder

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Of Counsel, Kaplan & Grady LLC** Jan. 2023 – Present  
Continue alternative dispute resolution and litigation consulting in collaboration with a new litigation boutique that focuses on complex commercial and civil rights matters.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution and Litigation Consulting** Nov. 2015 – Present  
Assist counsel in vetting, evaluating, and resolving disputes in complex arbitral, trial and appellate litigation matters. Analyze brief drafts and preside over moot trial and appellate presentations. Conduct projects regarding internal investigations and compliance monitoring.
- Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit** Dec. 2007 – Oct. 2015  
Panelist on federal appeals from the district courts in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, and author of hundreds of opinions for the court.
- District Judge, United States Court for the Southern District of Indiana** Sept. 1987 – Dec. 2007  
Presided in federal civil and criminal cases, including hundreds of trials and hearings.
- United States Attorney, Southern District of Indiana** 1984 – 1987  
Chief Federal Law Enforcement Officer for the district, responsible for civil litigation in the district where the United States was a party.
- Harrison Moberly LLP** 1982 – 1984  
Carried out general practice of law, representing individuals and small-to-midsize businesses, principally in civil and criminal litigation matters in state and federal trial and appellate courts.
- Tinder and Tinder LLP** 1977 – 1982  
Carried out general practice of law, representing individuals and small-to-midsize businesses, principally in civil and criminal litigation matters in state and federal trial and appellate courts.
- Chief Trial Deputy, Marion County Prosecutor's Office** 1979 – 1982  
Oversaw largest criminal prosecution office in Indiana, supervised 100+ Deputy Prosecutors, and lead attorney on dozens of complex and sensitive investigations and prosecutions. Second-in-Command, after Chief Prosecutor.
- Public Defender, Marion County Superior Court, Criminal Division** 1977 – 1978  
Counsel for Marion County citizens who could not afford to hire their own lawyer in matters involving liberty interests, including criminal matters.
- Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Indiana** 1975 – 1977  
Line prosecutor on federal cases within the district.

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## EDUCATION

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**Indiana University School of Law Bloomington**  
Juris Doctor

Indianapolis, IN  
1972 – 1975

**Indiana University Bloomington**  
Bachelor of Science, Business Honors

Indianapolis, IN  
1968 – 1972

## SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

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**David W. Peck Medal**  
Wabash College, 2015

**Distinguished Barrister**  
Indiana Lawyer, Leadership in Law, 2018

**Silver Gavel Professionalism Award**  
Indianapolis Bar Association, 2007

**Fellow, Academy of Law Alumni**  
Indiana University School of Law Bloomington, 2007

**Fred B. McCashland Outstanding Alumnus Award**  
Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, 2005

**Volunteer of the Year**  
Wheeler Boys and Girls Club, Indianapolis, 1988

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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**Indiana Task Force on Public Defense**  
Chair, 2017 – 2018

**Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School**  
Board of Trustees Member, 2016 – 2018

**Brendonwood Historic District Foundation**  
Board of Directors Member, 2015 – 2018

**Judicial Conference of the United States**  
Committee on Defender Services, 2009 – 2015  
Committee on Automation and Technology, 1994 – 1997  
Chairman of Courtroom, Chambers and Libraries Automation Group, 1992 – 1994  
Committee on Court and Judicial Security, 1990 – 1992

**United States Department of Justice**  
Vice Chairman of Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys, 1985 – 1997

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Executive Working Group on Federal, State and Local Relations, 1985 – 1987

United States Attorney Liaison Group with United States Sentencing Commission, 1986 – 1987

## Indiana Supreme Court

Committee on Character and Fitness of Attorneys, 1980 – 1990

Committee on Rules of Evidence, 1992 – 1993

## Indiana University School of Law Bloomington

Board of Visitors, 1985

Chair, 1994

Dean Search Committee, 1990, 2003, 2013

## Indiana University School of Law Indianapolis

Cale J. Holder Scholarship Committee, 1992 – 2013

Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy, 1980 – 1990

## BAR ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

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### Bar Admissions

United States Supreme Court, 1978

Supreme Court of Indiana, 1975

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1975

United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 1975

### Associations

Indiana State Bar Association

Indianapolis Bar Association

- Co-Chair of Professionalism Committee, 2008

- Vice President of Board of Managers, 2007

- Advisory Board to Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services, 2002 – 2004

Federal Bar Association (Indianapolis Chapter)

Bar Association of the Seventh Federal Circuit

Sagamore American Inn of Court (Emeritus Member)

National Association of Former United States Attorneys

Federal Judges Association