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There are many lawyers who call themselves litigators. However, few have tried as many jury trials as Johnson & Bell shareholder, Edward W. Hearn. Mr. Hearn as tried to verdict over 150 jury trials in both state and federal court. That is why the *Indiana Jury Verdict Reporter* has selected Mr. Hearn as one of its "Most Prolific Trial Attorneys" numerous years since 2000.

He has represented both individuals and also large, multi-million-dollar companies as well as emerging and middle-market companies, amusement parks, product manufacturers, employers, employees and professionals. In an age of specialization in legal practice, Mr. Hearn has handled a large variety of civil matters including, personal injury, product liability, commercial, real estate, transportation, employment, civil rights and professional malpractice. He has also handled insurance coverage litigation and declaratory judgment matters.

Mr. Hearn's vast trial experience allows him a unique ability to handle litigation for clients in a way that prepares his clients' cases and the evidence that supports them in a manner that can be more effectively presented to a jury if the need arises. This includes preparation of witnesses for deposition and trial in manners that use this trial experience to adequately equip them to handle tough questioning by adverse counsel. This pre-trial strategy also places cases in a favorable posture for settlement opportunities.

Mr. Hearn also has an active appellate practice and has argued cases in the Indiana Court of Appeals, the Indiana Supreme Court and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. <u>Click here</u> to view one of Mr. Hearn's appellate arguments before the Indiana Court of Appeals in a case where Mr. Hearn was successful in having a trial court bar a Plaintiff's accident reconstructionist from trial.

In his spare time, Mr. Hearn competes in powerboat competitions. <u>Click here</u> to view a recent article about an event where Mr. Hearn competed in a race with one of his daughters.









ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Indiana Supreme Court

Michigan Supreme Court

United States Supreme Court

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S District Court, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Valparaiso University, J.D. (cum laude), 1995

Purdue University, B.S. Biology, 1992

AFFILIATIONS

Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana

Defense Research Institute

Winner of American Power Boat Association national titles

HONORS

Best Lawyers in America, 2023-2024

Named by The Indiana Jury Verdict Reporter one of its "Most Prolific Trial Attorneys" every year since 2000

Featured in Indiana Lawyer magazine

CLIENT RESULTS

Hearn, Stanzione and Mueller Obtain Defense Verdict in Dispute Seeking \$4.9M from Physician Assistant

Plaintiff Claims \$2.25M in Damages for Auto Rear-Ender "Not Too Much." Jury Disagrees, Awards \$11,000

Plaintiff Rolls Dice on Personal Injury Dispute: Comes Up Snake Eves on Verdict

Wrongful Death Trucking Case Resolved Successfully

Indiana Ruling Bars Plaintiff Damages Expert from Testifying in Trucking Case

Hearn Secures TRO In Michigan Contract Dispute

Hearn Secures Defense Verdict in Indiana Dispute Seeking \$3M in Damages

Hearn, Grabarek Secure Positive Outcome for Indiana Attorney Facing Felony Theft Charge, Six Year Sentence

Hearn Scuttles Plaintiff's Attempt to Expand Monetary Damages, Liability

Plaintiff's Attempt to Expand Defendant's Liability Foiled by Partial Summary Judgment

With Plaintiff Seeking \$600K for Traumatic Brain Injury, Hearn Secures Defense Verdict

Hearn Keeps Auto Racing on Track at Kosciusko County Fairgrounds



Hearn, Stanzione Secure Directed Verdict in Favor of Hospital in Negligent Credentialing Dispute

7th Circuit Affirms Judgment in Indiana Retail Slip-and-Fall Case

Hearn, Stanzione Secure Jury Verdict for the Defense in Medical Malpractice Dispute. Plaintiff Sought \$3M.

Second Time Around, Hearn Secures (Another) Favorable Outcome in Motorcycle Lawsuit Seeking \$1.1M

Seeking Nearly \$1 Million for Slip and Fall, Plaintiff Walks Away with \$37,500

Motorcycle Club Member Claims "What's Yours is Mine." Indiana Federal Court Disagrees.

Hearn Receives Favorable Result in Indiana Personal Injury Case

Hearn Secures Positive Outcome in Trucking Accident - Plaintiff sought \$1.75M

Indiana Court Grants Summary Judgment in Favor of School Charged with ADA Violations

Indiana Appellate Court Affirms Dismissal of Employment Discrimination Case Against Fencing Products Manufacturer