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### SERVICE AREAS

[Complex / Catastrophic](#)

[Toxic Tort](#)

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[School & University Liability](#)

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### INDUSTRY SECTORS

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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 has tried to verdict more than 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 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, premises liability, 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. [Click here](#) to view one of Mr. Hearn's appellate arguments before the Indiana Court of Appeals in a case where he 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. [Click here](#) to view a recent article about an event where he 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, 2023-2026

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 and Farris Win Summary Judgment Motion for National Client in Indiana Crash Involving Delivery Driver](#)

[Hearn, Stanzione and Mueller Obtain Defense Verdict in Dispute Seeking \\$4.9M from Physician Assistant](#)

[Plaintiff Claims \\$2.25M in Damages for Auto Rear-End "Not Too Much." Jury Disagrees. Awards \\$11,000](#)

[Plaintiff Rolls Dice on Personal Injury Dispute: Comes Up Snake Eyes 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](#)