



Profile

E. Davis Coots is a founding member of Coots, Henke & Wheeler, establishing the firm in July 1978, with Steven H. Henke. Dave concentrates his law practice in the areas of civil litigation, business services, mediation, real estate, and planning and zoning.

Litigation

Dave's civil litigation and business practice enables him to assist clients in a wide array of litigation matters involving personal injury, business disputes, and high asset divorces. Dave also assists clients in the formation, organization, and managements of clients' businesses as well as business succession and estate planning.

Mediation

Since 1987, Dave has mediated over 500 cases ranging from business disputes, personal injury, condemnation, real estate disputes, divorce, estate disputes, real estate sale and partition, and consumer claims.

Real Estate

Dave advises businesses and individuals in real estate matters, both commercial and residential, including purchase and sales, leases, finance, development, and condemnation. Dave assists clients with land planning and zoning needs and has appeared before zoning authorities throughout the state of Indiana.

Representative Transactions

- Represented both individuals and businesses whose real estate was being seized for road and other infrastructure construction to ensure their property rights were protected
- Represent Fortune 500 telecommunications company in the acquisition and zoning of local real estate for infrastructure development

Areas of Emphasis

Business
Family Law
Litigation
Real Estate
Wills, Trusts & Estates
Mediation

Education

Law School

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law - Indianapolis (J.D., 1969)

Undergraduate School

Monmouth College (B.S. Business and Finance, 1965)

Bar & Admissions

Indiana
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
U.S. District Court for the Seventh Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

Awards & Recognition

- AV® Peer Review rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, 1975-present
- Indiana Super Lawyers® (2008-present)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation, 2013-present

Certifications

- Registered Civil Mediator, Indiana

Memberships

Indiana State Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Chair

Community Involvement

- Actors Theatre of Indiana, Board
- Carmel Clay Education Task Force
- Carmel Clay Library Foundation Board, past Chairman (2 terms)

Experience

- Quillen v. Quillen, 671 N.E.2d 98 (Ind. 1996); The Indiana Supreme Court granted client's right to receive appropriate share of the martial estate upon dissolution.
- Wade v. Hopper, 993 F.2d 1246 (7th Cir. 1993); The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the trial court's grant of dismissal and summary judgement for client.
- Bauer v. Birk-Bauer, 872 N.E.2d 219 (Ind. Ct. App. 2007); Represented client before the Indiana Court of Appeals and argued against spouse's appeal of the trial courts marriage dissolution decree.
- Koehler v. Culpepper, 867 N.E.2d 285 (Ind. Ct. App. 2007); Defended business owner against a former employee's claims for the breach of fiduciary duties, tortious interference with contract, oppression of a minority shareholder, negligent misrepresentation, and constructive fraud.