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Originally from Hanover, Indiana, Mr. Palmer graduated from Muskingum College (New Concord, Ohio) in 1992 and *The Brandeis School of Law* at The University of Louisville (Louisville, Kentucky) in 1995. He is admitted to practice law in Indiana and Kentucky and maintains an active mediation practice throughout both states. He is the sole member of *Pete Palmer Law LLC* located in New Albany, Indiana, directly across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky.

During the early years of his practice, Mr. Palmer worked as an insurance defense lawyer in Louisville, Kentucky, concentrating on medical malpractice and products liability matters for various clients. However, in 2000, Mr. Palmer transitioned his practice to the representation of the injured in a variety of areas. During his 30-plus years of legal practice, he has successfully tried civil cases to verdict in both states, including automobile accidents, products liability matters, premises liability claims and medical malpractice cases.

In 2011, Mr. Palmer received the distinction of being named a *Super-Lawyer* by his peers for the state of Indiana and has been so recognized each year since. Most notably, he was named the “2012 Trial Lawyer of the Year” by the *Indiana Trial Lawyers Association* – the highest award the association bestows each year. He has also been an “AV” rated lawyer by his peers via *Martindale-Hubbell* since 2013.

In 2014, Mr. Palmer completed the Mediation Skills Training program at Northwestern University (Chicago) and began serving as a mediator in civil cases in Kentucky and Indiana. His experience on both sides of the courtroom provided a unique background and skill set which he now uses to help others resolve difficult cases via mediation, which has become the exclusive focus of his practice. With ten (10) years and nearly 4,000 mediations under his belt, Mr. Palmer is one of the most highly requested mediators in Kentucky and Indiana. He routinely speaks on mediation at various CLE events and is one of the faculty members at the annual Advanced Mediation Clinic held in Indiana each summer.

In his spare time, Mr. Palmer enjoys following Indiana University basketball (and football!) and is an ardent (*and admittedly a bandwagon*) Alabama Football fan. He enjoys travel, hiking, pickleball and spending time with his wife, his three children and his beloved Chocolate Labrador Retriever, Izzy.

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Curriculum Vitae

Contact: **Pete Palmer Law LLC**
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Education: **Muskingum University**, New Concord, Ohio
Bachelor of Arts (History), May 1992

University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law; Louisville, Kentucky
Juris Doctorate, May 1995

Mediation training: **Northwestern University** (Chicago, IL)
Mediation Skills training class (certificate - 40 hours)
February 17-21, 2014

Advanced Civil Mediation (6 Hours)
July 18, 2013, Indianapolis, IN
April 19, 2017, Indianapolis, IN [faculty/presenter]

Mediation Strategy & Skills Workshop (7.5 hours)
October 21, 2016, Frankfort, KY

Professional Experience:

Pete Palmer Law LLC. New Albany, Indiana (*January 2017 to present*)
Solo practitioner with a concentration in mediation of Indiana and Kentucky civil
matters, arbitration of Nursing Home cases and Medical Review Panel Chair work.

Palmer Thompson Law, LLC. New Albany, Indiana (*August, 2010 to December 2016*)
Founding partner of small firm litigation practice concentrating on medical negligence and
significant personal injury cases from a plaintiff's perspective throughout Indiana and
Kentucky.

Schad & Palmer, P.C. New Albany, Indiana (*September, 2002 to August, 2010*)
Named partner in a small firm litigation practice concentrating on medical negligence, class
action litigation and significant personal injury cases from a plaintiff's perspective in
Kentucky and Indiana.

Gray & Weiss, Louisville, Kentucky (*May, 2000 to September, 2002*)

Litigation practice concentrating on medical negligence, class action litigation and significant personal injury cases from a plaintiff's perspective in Kentucky and Indiana.

O'Bryan, Brown & Toner, Louisville, Kentucky (*December 1998 to May, 2000*)

Insurance and corporate defense practice focusing on medical negligence and products liability litigation in Kentucky and Indiana.

Schiller, Osbourn & Barnes, Louisville, Kentucky (*April, 1996 to November, 1998*)

Insurance defense litigation focusing on medical negligence and general injury litigation.

Eckert, Alcorn & Goering, Madison, Indiana. (*May, 1995 to April, 1996*)

General practice of law, including civil litigation and criminal defense.

Licensure

Admitted to practice law, Kentucky (October, 1995) and Indiana (October, 1995)

Admitted to practice law, U.S. District Courts for the Eastern & Western Districts of Kentucky, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana (October, 1995), and United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth and Seventh Circuits

Professional Recognition & Awards

Rated AV- Preeminent by *Martindale-Hubbell* (2013)

Named Indiana "Super Lawyer" each year continuously from 2011 to present

Recipient, 2012 "Trial Lawyer of the Year" award - Indiana Trial Lawyers Association

Named to Indiana Trial Lawyers Association "College of Fellows" (2012)

Publications & Lectures

- (1) Author and lecturer, ***Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Law in Kentucky***, CLE Seminar, Louisville, Kentucky, January 19, 2001.
- (2) Author and lecturer: ***Handling Medical Negligence Cases in Kentucky***, CLE Seminar, Louisville, Kentucky, January 10, 2002.
- (3) Invited Guest lecturer, ***Advanced Trial Practice***, University of Louisville School of Law, Spring Semester, 2002.

- (4) Invited Speaker, Journal Club: Plastic Surgery Department, University of Louisville School of Medicine, ***How to Avoid Being Sued for Medical Malpractice***, Fall, 2004.
- (5) Author and lecturer: ***Confessions of a Former Medical Malpractice Defense Attorney***, Indiana Trial Lawyers CLE, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 24, 2005.
- (6) Author and lecturer: ***Nuts & Bolts of Kentucky Law***; Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, CLE Seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 2, 2007.
- (7) Invited Speaker, Journal Club/ Plastic Surgery Department University of Louisville School of Medicine, ***How to Avoid Being Sued for Medical Malpractice***. Spring, 2007.
- (8) Program Chair and lecturer, ***The Best Case I Ever Lost: Lessons Learned the Hard Way***. Indiana Trial Lawyers CLE Seminar, New Albany, IN. October 3, 2008.
- (9) Invited Speaker, ***Legal Issues in Medical Practice***, United States Air Force Base, Keesler Medical Center, Biloxi, Mississippi, November 5, 2009.
- (10) Author and lecturer: ***Discovery of Medical Evidence***, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 27, 2010.
- (11) Author and lecturer: ***Settlement Strategies for Medical Malpractice Cases***, Indiana Trial Lawyers CLE Seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 29, 2011.
- (12) Invited Speaker, Plastic Surgery Department University of Louisville School of Medicine, ***How to Avoid Being Sued for Medical Malpractice***. May 2, 2011.
- (13) Invited Speaker, ***The Medical Legal Nightmare***, Kentucky Medical Association Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, September 14, 2011.
- (14) Invited Speaker, ***Medical Legal Questions...and Some Answers***, American Association of Plastic Surgeons' 91st Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 17, 2012.
- (15) Invited Speaker, ***How to Deal with an Adverse Medical Review Panel Member at Trial***, Indiana Trial Lawyers CLE seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana. May 4, 2012.
- (16) Invited Speaker, ***Two Parties, One Oath - A Conversation on Civility***, *A presentation of The Indiana Supreme Court, along with Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana and the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association*, IUPUI School of Law – Indianapolis, Indiana. May 24, 2012.
- (17) Program Chair and lecturer, ***The Best Case I Ever Lost: Lessons Learned The Hard Way***. Indiana Trial Lawyers CLE Seminar, Indianapolis, IN. January 17, 2013.

- (18) Invited Speaker, *A Refresher on Civility in the Practice of Law*, Indiana Trial Lawyers CLE seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana. April 18, 2013.
- (19) Invited Speaker, *Medical Malpractice – Lots of Questions...and Some Answers*, Southeastern Society of Plastic and reconstructive Surgeons (SESPRS), 56th Annual Scientific Meeting, Bonita Springs, Florida. June 2, 2013.
- (20) Author and lecturer: *Things Your Mediator Wants to Say Out Loud*. Indiana Trial Lawyers CLE Seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana. May 8, 2015.
- (21) Author and lecturer: *Mediation: Keys to Effective Settlement Negotiations*. National Business Institute CLE program, Indianapolis, Indiana. December 6, 2016.
- (22) Author, lecturer and faculty panelist: *Advanced Civil Mediation*. Indiana Trial Lawyers Association CLE/CME seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana. April 19, 2017
- (23) Author, lecturer and faculty panelist: *The New Medical Malpractice Act: The Role of the Panel Chair*. Indiana Continuing Legal Education Foundation CLE program, Indianapolis, IN. April 27, 2017.
- (24) Invited Speaker: *Auto Litigation: Successful Mediation Tips*. Indiana Trial Lawyers Association CLE seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana. July 27, 2017.
- (25) Invited Speaker: *Handling Your First Personal Injury Mediation*. Indiana Continuing Legal Education Foundation CLE program, Indianapolis, Indiana. August 4, 2017.
- (26) Author and lecturer: *Top Ten Tips for Successful Mediation*. Kentucky Justice Association Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee. September 12, 2018.
- (27) Author and lecturer: *Successful Tactics for Mediation*. Kentucky Defense Counsel, Fall Seminar/Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky. November 8, 2018.
- (28) Author and lecturer: *Tips on the Use of Experts During Mediation*. Kentucky Justice Association CLE seminar, Louisville, Kentucky. June 7, 2019.
- (29) Author and lecturer: *The Do's and Don'ts of a Successful Mediation*. Kentucky Justice Association CLE seminar, Lexington Kentucky. June 28, 2019.
- (30) Moderator and Panel Member: *Cooperation During Crisis*. “Town Hall Meeting” Sponsored by the Kentucky Defense Counsel and the Kentucky Justice Association; Online format. April 14, 2020.
- (31) Author and lecturer: *What I've Learned After 1,765 Mediations*. Indiana Trial Lawyers Association CLE seminar, Online format. May 20, 2020.

- (32) Author and lecturer: ***Tips on a Successful Mediation***. Southern Trial Lawyers Association 2021 Fall CLE, Louisville, Kentucky. September 18, 2021.
- (33) Author and lecturer: ***Behind the Mediation Curtain***. Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, Webinar/Continuing Legal Education seminar. April 29, 2022.
- (34) Invited Speaker: ***Mediation/Negotiation*** class with Professor Nina Couch. University of Louisville School of Law. March 25, 2024.
- (35) Panel Member: ***Effective Damages Proof at Mediation***. Kentucky Justice Association; Webinar/Continuing Legal Education Seminar. June 14, 2024.
- (36) Author and lecturer: ***Mediating in the Nuclear Age***. Kentucky Defense Counsel; Webinar/Continuing Legal Education Seminar. June 19, 2024.
- (37) Panel Member: ***Mediation: the Whys, Hows, and Whatfors***. Warns-Render Employment Law Institute, Louisville, Kentucky. June 20, 2024.
- (38) Invited Speaker: ***Mediation/Negotiation*** class with Professor Nina Couch. University of Louisville School of Law. March 18, 2025.
- (39) Panel Member: ***Annual Mediators' Forum***. Warns-Render Employment Law Institute @ Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, Kentucky. November 6, 2025.