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### Primary Practice Areas

Traditional (Litigation) and Alternative (Mediation and Arbitration) Dispute Resolution;  
Complex Commercial and Business Litigation; and,  
Insurance Defense (Catastrophic Injury, SIR and TPA).

Ross is with Wooden & McLaughlin LLP in the Evansville, Indiana, office. Mr. Rudolph concentrates his practice in the areas of mediation and arbitration, corporate and commercial litigation and insurance defense. He also has extensive experience in matters of appellate law, injunctions and products liability.

**Representative cases:** *Melton v. Stephens*, 13 N.E.3d 533 (Ind.Ct.App. 2014); *Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc. v. OPC, Inc.*, 973 N.E.2d 1099 (Ind. 2012); *Gill v. Evansville Sheet Metal Works, Inc.*, 970 N.E.2d 633 (Ind. 2012); *Madison Capital Co., LLC v. S & S Salvage, LLC*, 765 F.Supp.2d 923 (W.D.Ky., 2011), affirmed 507 Fed.Appx. 528 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2012); *Glotzbach v. Frohman*, 854 N.E.2d 337 (Ind. 2006); *Research Systems Corp. v. IPOS Publicite*, 276 F.3d 914 (7th Cir. 2002); *Cahoon v. Cummings*, 734 N.E.2d 535 (Ind. 2000); *Mendenhall v. Skinner and Broadbent*, 728 N.E.2d 140 (Ind. 2000); *John A. Ackerman v. Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company*, 172 F.3d 467 (7th Cir. 1999); *Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company v. Stinnett*, 698 N.E.2d 339 (Ind.Ct.App. 1998); *Citizens National Bank of Evansville vs. Foster*, 668 N.E.2d 1236 (Ind. 1996); *Meyers v. Furrow Building Materials*, 659 N.E.2d 1147 (Ind.Ct.App. 1996); *Koenig v. Bedell and Aetna Insurance Company*, 601 N.E.2d. 453 (Ind.Ct.App. 1992); *Ohio Valley Communications, Inc. v. Greenwell*, 555 N.E.2d 525 (Ind.Ct.App. 1990); *Aetna Casualty & Surety Company v. Crafton*, 551 N.E.2d 893 (Ind.Ct.App. 1990); *Johnson v. Payne and National Insurance Association*, 549 N.E.2d 48 (Ind.Ct.App. 1990); *Carl Subler Trucking, Inc. v. Frank W. Splittorff*, 482 N.E.2d 295 (Ind.Ct.App. 1985).

### **Legal Experience**

2014	Wooden & McLaughlin LLP
1987 – 2014	Rudolph, Fine, Porter & Johnson, LLP
1980 – 1987	Fine & Hatfield, P.C.

**Education:**

1980 J.D., Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law  
1977 B.A., Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (English, *cum laude*)

**Bar Admission:**

1980 Indiana

**Court Admissions:**

United States Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana

**Professional Involvement:**

- Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors, 2014-2016
- Evansville Bar Association, Diversity Committee, Co-Chair
- Indiana State Bar Association
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Indiana Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Volunteer Lawyer Program
- Mediation Assistance Program, United States District Court Southern District of Indiana
- American Health Lawyers Association, Arbitrator/Mediator Service Panel Member
- DRI (Defense Research Institute)
- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana
- Brooks American Inn of Court, Past President and member
- Registered Indiana Civil Mediator

**Community:**

- Evansville Reitz Memorial High School, Freshman and Junior Varsity Coach, Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, 2006-2010, 2013- present
- Evansville Girls Basketball League, President, 1998-2010
- Evansville Christian School, Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach, 1999-2005
- Young Life of Evansville, Chairman, Management Committee, 1987-2007

**Teaching and Lecturing:**

- Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, Annual Seminar, "The Recovery of Reasonable Attorney and Personal Representative Fees in Wrongful Death," November, 2014.
- CME for Civil Mediators: "Mediating with Difficult People & Personalities in Complex Cases," Panelist, ICLEF, December 2013
- Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, Advanced Civil Mediation, Panelist and Instructor, July 2013
- [Evansville Bar Association 2013 Dialogue Between the Bench and Bar, "Medicare/Medicaid Liens,"](#) Instructor, March 2013
- Masters Series Seminar on Advanced Mediation, "Issues involved in Mediating the Complex, Multi-Party Case," Panelist, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum

- (ICLEF), November 2011
- Developing Skills in the Practice of Law, [Alternative Dispute Resolution: "Mediation Ruminations,"](#) Instructor, ICLEF, May 2011
- "[Damages in TBI Cases: an Indiana Overview,](#)" Instructor, ICLEF, December 2010
- Masters Series Seminar on Advanced Civil Mediation, "Pre-Suit Mediation," Panelist, ICLEF, November 2009
- "How to Effectively Present Your Case at Mediation," Instructor, Indiana Trial Lawyers Association 38th Annual Institute, November 2002
- Drafting Injunctions: A Desk Reference, Seminar Chair, ICLEF, April 2001
- 60 Things You Need to Know About Taking Your Case to Civil Mediation, Co-Seminar Chair, ICLEF, November 1999
- Injunctions in Business Litigation, Instructor, ICLEF, May 1995
- Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage, Instructor, ICLEF, March 1991

**Writings and Publications:**

- "[The Mediation Explosion: A Relationship between Pre-Trial Discovery and Speed of Communication,](#)" A.M. Best Company newsletter BestConnect™, June 2011
- "[Give those young lawyers time to ask the right questions,](#)" Tri-State Better Business Bureau Newsletter (Evansville), May 2011

**Awards and Honors:**

- *Top 50 Indiana Super Lawyers*®, 2013 and 2014
- *Indiana Super Lawyers*®, Civil Litigation Defense, 2005, 2007-2014
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Mediation Law, 2015
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2007, 2009 - 2014
- AV-Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell, Peer Review Ratings
- Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers™, 2009
- Diplomat of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, installed 2011
- Evansville Bar Association's Doran E. Perdue Service Award, 1996
- Board of Barristers, Moot Court Society, Phi Delta Phi Associate Justice and Member, 1979-1980
- Undergraduate Fellowship in English, 1976-1977
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1976