

CIRRICULUM VITAE OF STEVEN A. JOHNSON

BIOGRAPHICAL

Steven A. Johnson has a 40 plus year record of success as a trial lawyer and labor attorney in Indiana and the Chicago area. Steve's reputation in both in the court room and across the bargaining table is widely known and highly respected. Having tried hundreds of cases since 1975 in both state and federal courts, clients rely on him for their most difficult matters, from class and mass actions representing both plaintiffs and defendants in areas as diverse as civil rights and sexual harassment to fair debt collection. Business disputes, large contract litigation, construction litigation and personal injury matters involving catastrophic injuries including traumatic brain injuries are part of Steve's practice. He is ranked among the top 1% of attorneys nationally.

As a labor attorney representing management, Steve is widely respected on both sides of the bargaining table, having bargained collectively and having resolved work disputes with virtually all unions in the highly unionized Northwest Indiana area. Taking advantage of Steve's litigation skills and bargaining expertise, attorneys began relying on him to mediate their civil cases. Since his practice as a Certified Mediator began, Steve has now mediated well over 4,000 cases.

Unlike other mediators, Steve schedules 3 mediations per day, starting at 9:30, noon and 2:30. Simple auto or slip and fall cases ought not take more than 2 1/2 hours, and longer sessions encourage foot-dragging, posturing and result in unnecessary expense to the parties. However, in cases with multiple parties, numerous claims or complex issues, attorneys are welcome to schedule additional blocks of time as necessary.

CASE EXPERIENCE

- ADA Disability
- Appellate
- Arts
(Fine/Performing)
- Automotive
- Business Dissolution
- Civil Rights
- Class Actions
- Commercial/Business
- Construction
- Consumer Fraud
- Contract Disputes
- Debt Collections
- Discrimination
- EEOC
- Employment
- Industrial
- Insurance
- Labor/Unions
- Land Use/Planning
- Landlord/Tenant
- Legal Malpractice
- Libel & Slander
- Personal Injury
- Police
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Professional Fees
- Professional Liability
- Professional
Malpractice
- Professional
Negligence
- Property Damage
- Real Estate
- Religious Institutions
- Sexual Harassment
- Technology
- Torts
- Transportation
- Wage & Hour/FMLA
- Wrongful Death

EDUCATION

- University of Florida; Loyola University, B.B.A., 1971
- University of Miami, J.D., 1975

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Steve has been a long-standing member of a number of professional organizations, including American Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the Lake County Bar Association, the Seventh Circuit Bar Association and was a Master member of the Calumet American Inn of Court. Steve enjoyed serving as the first Indiana management-side representative on the National Labor Relations Board Region 13 Planning & Procedure Committee. Steve is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell in Litigation, AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell in Labor & Employment Law, listed as a “Top Rated Lawyer in Chicago” for ethical standards and legal ability by Martindale-Hubbell, listed among the Top Lawyers in Indiana by the Legal Network and has been honored by Strathmore’s Who’s Who. He has been recognized as one of "America's Most Honored Professionals - Top 1%" in 2019 and "America's Most Honored Lawyers - Top 1%" in 2020.