



PETE SCHROEDER, PARTNER

Pete Schroeder has been recognized by his peers as an Indiana Super Lawyer honoree for his work in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), large loss subrogation and civil litigation from 2004 to 2024. Additionally, Pete was named an Indiana Super Lawyer Top 50 Lawyer honoree from 2016 to 2018 and 2020 to 2024. Pete was selected by his peers in numerous editions of The Best Lawyers in America© from 2020 through 2024, including the 2022 Mediation Lawyer of the year in Indianapolis.

Pete has conducted more than 6,000 mediations including business disputes, complex and multiple party construction disputes, significant insurance coverage and insurance priority disputes, as well as complex wrongful death, quadriplegia and paraplegia, large property loss, medical and legal malpractice, product liability claims and claims involving multiple parties. Pete has mediated throughout the Midwest and frequently travels to different states to conduct mediations. In cases where the number of parties exceeds 8, Pete and fellow firm mediator, Rick Norris, have conducted mediations in tandem.

Pete is in the unique position to continue his litigation and trial practice while handling a robust mediation case load. In addition to his ADR work, Pete concentrates his practice in areas of commercial litigation, large loss subrogation and personal injury. His trial experience includes representing plaintiffs and defendants in motor vehicle accidents, fires and gas explosions, structural collapses, personal injury and wrongful death, professional malpractice and product liability. Pete has litigated product cases ranging from cranes, front-end loaders and large, industrial rack systems, to medical products, motor vehicles and manufacturing equipment. Pete has also litigated and mediated legal fee disputes and law firm dissolutions.

Pete speaks at continuing legal education seminars on mediation and litigation. He served as President of the Indianapolis Law Club from 2019 to 2022. He provides consultations on case evaluations and litigation strategy and has served as an expert witness in legal malpractice cases.

An attorney of more than 40 years, Pete began his practice with the firm in 1981. Before that, he served a clerkship for Judge Eugene N. Chipman of the Indiana Court of Appeals in 1980 and 1981.

Pete was born in Detroit, Michigan. For more than 40 years, he officiated college and high school wrestling and has volunteered as a junior high wrestling coach. Pete is active in the local community, serving on various school boards and church commissions.

Education

- » Indiana University, B.A., 1976
- » Indiana University, M.A., 1980
- » Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1980

Practice Areas

- » Complex Civil Litigation
- » Construction Law
- » Insurance Coverage
- » Insurance Defense
- » Large Loss Subrogation
- » Mediation, Arbitration and Appraisal
- » Motor Vehicle and Trucking
- » Personal Injury
- » Product Liability
- » Wrongful Death



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DISTINGUISHED NEUTRALS

Bar Admissions

- » U.S. Supreme Court
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- » U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- » U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- » State of Indiana
- » Registered Civil Mediator

Representative Experience

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

- » *Bateman v. Central Foundry Div., General Motors Corp.*, 992 F.2d 722 (7th Cir. 1993)
- » *Newman v. State of Ind.*, 129 F.3d 937 (7th Cir. 1997)

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

- » *Sann v. Mastrian*, 280 F.R.D. 437 (S.D. Ind. 2011)
- » *Lasiter v. Bilow*, No. IP97-1691-C-M/S, 2002 WL 393075 (S.D. Ind. Feb. 22, 2002)
- » *Eli Lilly & Co. v. Viking Corp.*, No. 1:03-cv-1674-JDT-TAB, 2005 WL 4921429 (S.D. Ind. Feb. 7, 2005)
- » *Shotts v. Bombardier, Inc.*, No. 1:05-cv-1049-DFH-TAB, 2006 WL 1663837 (S.D. Ind. June 8, 2006)
- » *Shotts v. Bombardier Inc.*, No. 1:05-cv-1049-DFH-TAB, 2007 WL 178615 (S.D. Ind. Jan. 19, 2007)
- » *Shotts v. Bombardier Inc.*, No. 1:05-cv-1049-DFH-TAB, 2007 WL 3286615 (S.D. Ind. Nov. 6, 2007)
- » *Nipponkoa Ins. Co., Ltd. v. Atlas Van Lines, Inc.*, No. 3:09-cv-168-RLY-WGH, 2011 WL 202286 (S.D. Ind. Jan. 19, 2011)
- » *Nipponkoa Ins. Co., Ltd. v. Atlas Van Lines, Inc.*, No. 3:09-cv-168-RLY-WGH, 2011 WL 3739373 (S.D. Ind. Aug. 23, 2011)
- » *Acheron Medical Supply, LLC v. Cook Incorporated*, No. 1:15-cv-1510-WTL-MPB, 2017 WL 4310163 (S.D. Ind. Sept. 28, 2017)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

- » *C & S Fuel, Inc. v. Clark Equipment Co.*, 552 F. Supp. 340 (E.D. Ky. 1982)

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

- » *Factory Mut. Ins. Co. v. Lexington Ins. Co.*, No. 3:01CV-730-S, 2003 WL 329050 (W.D. Ky. Feb. 13, 2003)

Professional Associations

- » American Association of Justice
- » Indiana State Bar Association
- » Indiana State Trial Lawyers Association
- » Indianapolis Bar Association
- » National Association of Distinguished Neutrals
- » Indianapolis Law Club

Representative Experience

State of Indiana

- » *Smith v. Convenience Store Distributing Co.*, 583 N.E.2d 735 (Ind. 1992)
- » *Farm Bureau Ins. Co. v. Crabtree*, 467 N.E.2d 1220 (Ind. Ct. App. 1984)
- » *Kahf v. Charleston South Apartments*, 461 N.E.2d 723 (Ind. Ct. App. 1984)
- » *Welch v. Railroad Crossing, Inc.*, 488 N.E.2d 383 (Ind. Ct. App. 1986)
- » *Roake v. Christensen*, 528 N.E.2d 789 (Ind. Ct. App. 1988)
- » *Daugherty v. Fuller Engineering Service Corp.*, 615 N.E.2d 476 (Ind. Ct. App. 1993)
- » *Ramon v. Glenroy Const. Co., Inc.*, 609 N.E.2d 1123 (Ind. Ct. App. 1993)
- » *Johnson v. Scandia Associates, Inc.*, 641 N.E.2d 51 (Ind. Ct. App. 1995)
- » *Indiana Erectors, Inc., v. Trustees of Indiana University*, 686 N.E.2d 878 (Ind. Ct. App. 1997)
- » *North Texas Steel Co., Inc. v. R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co.*, 679 N.E.2d 513 (Ind. Ct. App. 1997)
- » *Fricke v. Gray*, 711 N.E.2d 1287 (Ind. Ct. App. 1999)
- » *R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. v. North Texas Steel Co., Inc.*, 752 N.E.2d 112 (Ind. Ct. App. 2001)
- » *Auto-Owners Ins. Co. v. Eakle*, 869 N.E.2d 1244 (Ind. Ct. App. 2007)
- » *Grandview Memorial Gardens, LLC v. Eckert*, 977 N.E.2d 30 (Ind. Ct. App. 2012)
- » *Veolia Water Indianapolis LLC v. National Trust Ins. Co.*, 973 N.E.2d 3 (Ind. Ct. App. 2012)
- » *Cohen & Malad, LLP v. Daly*, 17 N.E.3d 940 (Ind. Ct. App. 2014)

For a list of unpublished cases, please contact Pete at pschroeder@ncs-law.com.