



Nicholas G. Najjar, *Law Clerk*

Nicholas Najjar joined Norris Choplin Schroeder LLP as a Law Clerk in September 2023 and plans to practice law with NCS upon completion of law school. Nicholas is interested in practicing civil defense litigation, aviation law, construction litigation, environmental contamination liability, subrogation, and arbitration.

Nicholas currently attends the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Nicholas is a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society and a mentor in the Honor Society Mentor Program (Civil Procedure). Nicholas worked as a Judicial Extern for Judge Leanna K. Weissmann at the Indiana Court of Appeals. Nicholas worked as a Judicial Extern for Judge Leanna K. Weissmann at the Indiana Court of Appeals. Additionally, he served as a Judicial Extern for Judge Kurt Eisgruber in Marion County Superior Court 6, Civil Division. While in law school, Nicholas participated in the Staton Intramural Moot Court Competition. Nicholas wrote a thesis examining the Right of Publicity in the context of the Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) movement in college sports, analyzing its implications for athletes and the evolving landscape of sports law. He also completed a research paper analyzing Chevron deference, a judicial doctrine that allows Courts to defer to a federal agency's reasonable interpretation of an ambiguous statute, (*Chevron, U.S.A., Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 467 U.S. 837 (1984)) and its implications for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), including the potential consequences of Chevron's overturning (*Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, 144 S. Ct. 2244 (2024)) on the broader principle of deference to administrative agencies in their regulatory interpretations and actions. Nicholas has a projected graduation date in May 2025.

Education

» Indiana University, B.A., 2022

Professional Associations

» Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society

Nicholas graduated with high distinction from Indiana University in May 2022, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. During his time at Indiana University, Nicholas was admitted to the History Department Honors Program and was recognized as an Indiana University Founders Scholar in both 2021 and 2022. He was also a member of the History Undergraduate Student Association. His academic focus centered on post-Soviet conflict, with his primary research exploring the geopolitical, historical, economic, religious, and racial factors that contributed to the outbreak of the First Chechen War. His research culminated in an honors thesis, which provided a comprehensive analysis of the First Chechen War through a multidisciplinary lens. In addition to his thesis, Nicholas researched and wrote about subjects including Stalinist Repression and the Gulag System, the Hundred Years War, the Albigensian Crusade, and the works of Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Nicholas volunteers at Saint Simon the Apostle Catholic Church. He is an avid fan of rugby and Indiana University sports. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, working out, and watching classic movies. Nicholas is an active member of The F. Scott Fitzgerald Society, The Tolkien Society, and the Søren Kierkegaard Society.