



## Jeff Rucker

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Jeffrey C. Rucker was born on February 4, 1970 in Mount Clemens, Michigan, and raised in Richmond, Michigan, the son of a residential developer. After completing a bachelor's degree in Psychology, he continued on to law school at Valparaiso University School of Law. As a young man, Jeff worked in residential construction and real estate development. During his time in law school, Jeff had the opportunity to work as a judicial clerk in Michigan where he was responsible for drafting a number of legal opinions on a wide range of cases. After completing his legal education, Jeff moved to Columbus, Indiana where he met and later married Kimberly L. Lukins-Rucker. In 2004, they were blessed with the birth of their son, Gavin James Rucker. In May of 2007, Darby Claire Rucker was born to the couple.

Since being admitted to the bar, Jeff has been involved in the American Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association (member, the Technology Committee, 2004-present), Law Firm Management Committee (2007), and the Bartholomew County Bar Association (Secretary, 1996-1997; Secretary 2010). He has also been involved in a number of community activities including the American Lung Association (Chair of Fundraising, 1996-1997); the Bartholomew County Historical Society (President, 2000-2004); the Bartholomew County Humane Society (Board Member, 2005-2008); and, Bartholomew County School Foundation (2009-2016). Jeff also held a position on the HomeFederal Bank Trust Advisory Board (now Indiana Bank & Trust Company). In 1998, Jeff was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America. In September of 2004, Jeff was the subject of an article in the ABA Journal on Staffing and Productivity, which magazine has international circulation. He has been quoted in Lawyer's Weekly on topics ranging from technology to practical issues facing practicing attorneys. To further assist local businesses, from 1999-2001 Jeff was a contributor to a local business newspaper The Columbus Business Scene where he wrote articles on a wide range of issues facing local businesses.

From 1998 to 2007, Jeff served as an adjunct professor at Indiana University-Purdue University, Columbus (IUPUC) in a number of areas including the Business School, the School of Education and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Most recently, Jeff was honored to teach the first group of students to attend the newly formed Masters of Business Administration program from IUPUC. Jeff is a frequent speaker on issues related to Advanced Directives, Estate Planning and a variety of Business topics.

Jeff focuses his practice on business law, commercial and residential real estate, and estate planning/probate. He feels very strongly that in order to better serve clients; attorneys must focus on learning the nuances of a small number of practice areas.

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