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Will Gooden concentrates his practice in the areas of:

- Construction Law
- Civil Litigation
- Real Estate
- Criminal Law

Will provides litigation, negotiation and mediation services to small and large businesses, individuals, and families throughout Indiana. He assists clients in matters involving both public and private construction law, mechanics' liens, real estate, water lake and riparian rights, laws and regulations. Will represents clients in all phases of the construction industry, including owners, design professionals and developers, contractors, construction managers, subcontractors and material equipment suppliers in contract drafting and negotiation, insurance law and, if necessary, litigation, trial or arbitration of disputes.

Lifelong Hoosiers, Will and his family are dyed-in-the-wool "Lakers". He enjoys Indiana's lakes so much that his practice includes providing legal counsel and representing clients in matters that occur "in, on or around the Lakes", as he puts it. In order to serve his Northern Indiana "Lakes Country" clients, Will maintains both Steuben County and Indianapolis offices.

Will's lake law practice includes real estate issues like property line, lake easements, and pier location disputes, as well as lake zoning and construction issues and riparian rights (rights to access and use lakes and other bodies of water). He also represents individuals who have been injured in boating, personal watercraft and other serious accidents around lakes. In addition, Will represents people in matters involving boating laws and regulations (including OWI), and assisting clients with DNR permitting and regulatory processes.

Will also represents clients in recovery of damages and compensation in other types of cases involving serious personal injury. And, in the event clients, their family members or employees find themselves in need, Will represents individuals faced with charges of traffic, DUI and non-major criminal offenses.

A native of Muncie, Will is a graduate of Ball State University and Indiana University School of Law. He values community service and engagement and has served the public as a member of the Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Council (2012-2016). He is a member of and active in the Indianapolis Bar Association (Vice President to the Board (former); Distinguished Fellow, Indianapolis Bar Foundation), Indiana State Bar Association (Member, Construction and Surety Law Section; House of Delegates and Committee for Improvements for Improvements in the Judicial System) and American Bar Association (Forum on the Construction Industry and Tort and Insurance Practice Section). Will is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Muncie YMCA Camp Crosley located on the shores of Lake Tippecanoe in Kosciusko County and a member of the Board of the Crooked Lake Association.

Will is a regular contributing author and speaker on legal issues that involve lakes and lake property. He has written and spoken extensively for numerous construction trade and professional associations in the areas of construction law and contracts, mechanic's liens and payment disputes, defective work disputes and payment remedies. Will is also a member of the Builders' Association of Greater Indianapolis and the Indiana Builders Association where he has, among other achievements, represented the Association before the Indiana Supreme Court in a case involving protection of the personal interests of construction company owners and officers.

Will's wife, Alicia, as Judge in the Marion County Superior Court, Criminal Division. Will, Alicia, and their children enjoy time at the lake, skiing, working out and kids' activities like dance and football. Will and Alicia are active in numerous Community and charitable organizations and activities including Westminster Legal Ministries, Junior League of Indianapolis and Second Presbyterian Church.