



## William W. Gooden



Will Gooden 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, riparian rights and lake and stream laws and regulations, negotiation and drafting, insurance law, and contract and business disputes. Will represents clients in all phases of the construction industry, including owners, design professionals, developers, contractors, construction managers, subcontractors and material equipment suppliers.

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. He represents clients in lake and water related matters in Indiana State courts in all counties in Northern Indiana as well as before the Indiana DNR's Natural Resource Commission Division of Hearings.

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.

A native of Muncie, Will is a graduate of Ball State University and Indiana University School of Law. He is a past member of the Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Council. 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) 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 and his wife, Judge Alicia Gooden of the Marion County Superior Court, have two children. The family enjoys time at the lake doing all forms of water sports spending time with their friends as well as neighbors. Will and Alicia are active in numerous community and charitable organizations as well.

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Will Gooden concentrates his practice in the areas of:

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