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## Historic Strengths Suited for Modern Challenges

### Kiley, Harker & Certain

In the practice of law, nothing is more important than experience – except, perhaps, service excellence. The attorneys of Kiley, Harker & Certain offer clients both. Founded in 1919 in Marion, Indiana, Kiley, Harker & Certain has built a rich legacy in commercial litigation and other key practice areas, occasionally making new law with favorable landmark decisions in trial and appellate courts. The firm has managed to stay grounded, lean, and powerful, wielding an unusually high concentration of legal experience and talent. And it continues to serve clients' interests with a distinctly personal touch.

#### Seasoned Litigators With Distinguished Records

While the attorneys of Kiley, Harker & Certain make every effort to settle legal disputes upfront, they are poised and well prepared to make a compelling case in court. The firm has successfully litigated business-related matters in a variety of critical areas including employment law, trade secrets, products liability, construction and environmental law.

Senior Partner Albert C. Harker, son of one of the firm's earliest members, leverages 40 years' litigation experience as well as healthcare and personal injury defense concentration on behalf of insurance companies, individuals and a variety of organizations. Having performed extensive trial work throughout his career, Harker is well versed in the perils and pitfalls of courtroom litigation.

Over the past 30 years, Partner H. Joseph Certain has been the firm's lead attorney in business transactions and



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commercial litigation. In that time, he has earned numerous distinctions for his work, including recognition by his peers as one of Indiana's Best Lawyers in the field of commercial litigation (*Indiana Business Magazine*, 2006-2009) and *Continental Who's Who*.

Thomas R. Hunt had been with Kiley, Harker & Certain for seven years when he was appointed by Governor Otis Bowen to the Grant County Circuit Court in 1980. While on the bench, Judge Hunt presided over more than 300 jury trials before rejoining Kiley, Harker & Certain in 2007. Hunt, whose practice areas include commercial transactions and mediation, counts among his clients both private and governmental organizations.

Partner Martin A. Harker, representing the third generation of Harkers to join the firm, boasts well-developed experience in corporate law and appellate litigation, among others. His esteemed clients include schools, healthcare providers and a wide array of businesses.

#### Long Tradition of Service Excellence

Responsiveness, accessibility, and full and open communication have

been the hallmarks of Kiley, Harker & Certain's client relationships for more than 90 years. According to Certain, a conversation he had with a senior partner at the firm nearly 40 years ago drove the point home.

"He told me, 'Don't worry so much about building a practice. Worry about taking good care of your clients, doing a good job for them and representing them faithfully. Return all phone calls within a day. Make sure your clients know exactly what's going on at all times. If you do these things, you will continue to generate business in the future.' For us, this has proven to be very true."

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