

# Curriculum Vitae: James G. Magrames



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## ADMISSIONS

Indiana

U.S. District Court for the  
Northern District of Indiana

## EDUCATION

Valparaiso University School of  
Law, J.D.

Central Michigan University, B.S.,  
Business Administration

James G. Magrames joined Kopka Pinkus Dolin in 1999 and focuses his insurance defense practice on construction cases, transportation litigation, auto liability, professional liability, and products liability. He regularly attends state and national seminars on transportation and construction litigation.

Jim also handles cases throughout the State of Indiana for an internationally known soft drink corporation and represented a long-established Northwest Indiana paving contractor for more than ten years. Jim has routinely represented numerous local construction and transportation companies in various forms of litigation.

Jim has been successful in achieving summary judgments on behalf of many clients, including cases involving an automobile accident, a snowplow removal company regarding a slip and fall injury, a worksite construction accident, and a roadway paving project.

Prior to joining the firm, Jim was a Deputy Prosecutor with the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for two years. He also served as an assistant high school football coach from 1997 through 2009. Jim and his wife Sue live in St. John, Indiana with their daughter, Madison.

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## Trial and Case Highlights

- In a recent trial, the plaintiff claimed more than \$150,000 in damage to her home, in-ground swimming pool, driveway, basement, and patio caused by alleged negligent road and sewer construction. The jury returned a verdict in less than 20 minutes in favor of the corporate defendant even though the plaintiff presented eleven witnesses, including two experts at trial.
- In a recent automobile accident trial, the plaintiff claimed a torn rotator cuff injury which required surgery. The plaintiff presented more than \$48,000 in medical expenses and a workers' compensation lien of more than \$70,000 to the jury. Even though liability was admitted, the jury returned a verdict of only \$35,000 in response to the plaintiff's request of \$250,000 at trial.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Trucking Industry Defense Association

