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Attorney, historian, author, and editor. As an attorney Claybourn focuses on intellectual property, state and local government, renewable energy, utilities, and commercial transactions. His research, writing, and editing primarily concern history, law, public policy, and Lincoln's youth in Indiana.



## Employment History

Member  
Jackson Kelly PLLC  
2015 – present

Provide solutions-oriented legal counsel to clients in matters of intellectual property, state and local government, renewable energy, utilities, and commercial transactions.

Corporate Counsel  
Vectren Corporation  
2009 – 2015

Advocated company initiatives and strategies in contested proceedings before regulators. Worked on mergers and acquisitions, commercial transactions, and policy advocacy.

Adjunct Professor  
Univ. of Evansville  
2013

Taught Business Organizations (LS 350), a course on the legal organization of business entities, emphasizing the role of lawyers in forming various business organizations.

Attorney  
Rudolph, Fine, Porter  
& Johnson, LLP  
2006 – 2009

Provided counsel on a variety of business law and regulatory issues. The firm has since merged with Jackson Kelly PLLC.

## Education

Juris Doctor  
2006

Indiana University McKinney School of Law – Indianapolis  
Moot Court Order of Barristers  
Executive Articles Editor, *Indiana Health Law Review*, Vol. 3

Bachelor of Science  
2003

Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Bloomington, Indiana  
Major: Business Economics & Public Policy  
Admitted to Honors College

## Books

- J. Edward Murr, *The Wilderness Years of Abraham Lincoln*, edited by Joshua A. Claybourn (Indiana University Press, 2023).
- William E. Bartelt and Joshua A. Claybourn, eds., *Abe's Youth: Shaping the Future President* (Indiana University Press, 2019), an annotated edition of Lincoln Inquiry papers.
- Joshua A. Claybourn, ed., *Our American Story: The Search for a Shared National Narrative*, (Potomac Books, 2019), a collection of provocative essays by leading thinkers and public figures addressing the same central question—what is the unifying American story?
- Joshua A. Claybourn, ed., *Born of Clay*, Claybourn Genealogical Society, 2016.

## Professional and Academic Publications and Research

- “Hoosier Emergency Powers: Restoring Checks and Balances” (with Abby V. DeMare), *Indiana Law Review* 54, no. 2 (2021): 341-364.
- “Everything Wrong with Donald Trump,” *Libertarianism.org*, a publication of the Cato Institute, (January 2021).
- “Abe Lincoln: An Acceptable Nickname?,” *For the People*, a newsletter of the Abraham Lincoln Association vol. 20, no. 3 & 4 (Fall-Winter 2018): 8.
- “The Opportunities and Pitfalls of Local Human Rights Ordinances,” *The Network*, a publication of the Indiana State Bar Association (July 2016).
- Research assistant to Prof. Gerard Magliocca (Indiana University McKinney School of Law) Assisted in the research and composition of *Constitutional False Positives and the Populist Movement*, 81 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 821 (2006). Research for this article also contributed to a subsequent book by Prof. Magliocca: *Andrew Jackson and the Constitution: The Rise and Fall of Generational Regimes* (Lawrence: U of Kansas Press, 2007).
- Executive Articles Editor, *Indiana Health Law Review*, Vol. 3  
Solicited and edited articles for volume 3. Ultimately responsible for accepting or rejecting articles submitted for publication.

## Selected Popular Press Publications

- “Even during a pandemic, the Indiana governor's emergency powers need a check,” *Indianapolis Star*, 20 January 2021.
- “Hoosier who resigned as 2016 RNC delegate has warning about Donald Trump,” *Indianapolis Star*, 12 January 2021.
- “The Reformation: 5 Ways it Changed Our World,” *Patheos*, 30 October 2017
- “We Need To All See The American Declaration As Lincoln Did,” *The Federalist*, 4 July 2017

"In defense of Hoosier home rule," *Indianapolis Star*, 7 May 2017  
"WWI: A Reminder of American Exceptionalism," *American Thinker*, 6 April 2017  
"How Congress made it easier to sue Israel," *The Hill*, 6 February 2017  
"Suing the Saudis Would Be a Mistake," *The American Spectator*, 4 November 2016  
"Why You Should Wear Orange This Saint Patrick's Day," *The Federalist*, 17 March 2016  
"Civil War Helped Shape Modern America," *Evansville Courier & Press*, 9 April 2015

### **Selected Presentations**

"Abe's Youth," Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz Lecture, 2020 Abraham Lincoln Association Symposium, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, 12 February 2020.  
"Abe's Youth," Spencer County Historical Society, 23 October 2019.  
"Abe's Youth: A Discussion with Bill Bartelt and Joshua Claybourn," Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable, August 2019  
"Doing Your Homework: Buying and Selling Municipal Property," Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers – 24th Annual ILMCT Institute & Academy, 11 March 2019  
"Our American Story," University of Southern Indiana Applied History Series, 21 Feb. 2019  
"Ordinances and Resolutions," co-presenter, AIM, Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers - 23rd Annual ILMCT Institute & Academy, 12 March 2018  
"Consolidation of Local Income Taxes," Jackson Kelly PLLC Municipal Law Seminar, May 2017  
"The Arc of Our New History," Indiana Political Science Association, March 2017  
"The American Presidency" (Roundtable), Indiana Political Science Association, March 2017  
"Little Egypt Goes to War," Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable, January 2017  
"Lincoln's Almanac Trial," Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable, March 2015  
"Post-Civil War Fraternities," Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable, May 2014

### **Selected Media Appearances**

"Lincoln: Divided We Stand," CNN documentary (January 2021)  
Quoted in "How to Steal an Election," *The New Yorker*, 4 July 2016  
Guest on NHK (Japanese television network), "The American Election," 1 July 2016  
Quoted in "'I Can Watch It on TV': Excuses for Republicans Skipping a Donald Trump Convention," *New York Times*, 1 June 2016  
Guest on MSNBC Live with Kate Snow during coverage of 2016 Republican Party primary, 5 May 2016

## Honors, Awards, and Distinctions

### Indiana 250 (2022)

Recognized as one of the 250 most influential business leaders in Indiana in the inaugural list compiled by IBJ Media—and its brands *Indianapolis Business Journal*, *Inside INdiana Business* and *Indiana Lawyer*. In compiling the list, IBJ Media considered recommendations from across the state and sought advice from key business and community leaders.

### Donald R. Lundberg Writing Award (2016)

Presented by the Indiana State Bar Association to the top article published in *The Network*.

### 20 Under 40

Recognized in 2010 by the *Evansville Business Journal* in its first class of 20 individuals under age 40 who constitute the next generation of Evansville leaders.

### Up and Coming Lawyer (2007)

Designated one of 15 recipients of *Indiana Lawyer's* 2007 "Leadership in Law" award, bestowed upon attorneys practicing five years or less.

### Competitive speech and debate awards

1999 Indiana State Policy Debate Championship, 2000 Indiana Collegiate Persuasion Championship, and the National Forensic League's Degree of Outstanding Distinction.

## Current Professional and Civic Activities

- Abraham Lincoln Association, Board of Directors, 2019 – present
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- The Lincoln Forum, 2018 – present
- Indiana Municipal Lawyers Association, 2016 – present
- Director and Secretary, Evansville Sports Corp, 2010 – present
- Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable (past chairman), 2014 – present
- WNIN Tri-State Public Media, Inc. 2021 – present
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (past camp commander), 2013 – present

## Past Professional and Civic Activities

- Delegate to 2016 Republican National Convention (resigned in opposition to nominee)
- Director, Newburgh Museum, 2014 – 2016
- Member, Newburgh Plan Commission, 2013 – 2015
- Trustee, President (2009 and 2012), and Treasurer (2008), Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, 2006–2009, 2011–2013

- Transition Team, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, 2012
- Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Foundation, 2008 - 2013
- Governmental Affairs Committee, Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Indiana
- Director, Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, 2010