

# Brandt N. Hardy

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## PARTNER

### Overview

From his 21 years of experience doing documentation work as in-house counsel at a major regional bank, Brandt has a first-hand appreciation of the issues his banking clients face in the loan approval process and getting the deal documented and closed. Brandt is a member of the firm's Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights, Commercial Lending, Real Estate, Zoning & Public Finance and Cryptocurrency, Blockchain & FinTech service groups, with an emphasis on providing legal services to our financial institution clients in the structuring and documentation of commercial and real estate loans. Brandt also handles commercial litigation matters in connection with his practice.

Brandt's financial clients include community banks, regional banks, national banks and private equity. He advises on deal structuring, preparing loan documentations and getting transactions closed. His practice covers the spectrum of commercial lending; including documentation for real estate financing, asset-based lending and dealer finance. His commercial real estate practice often involves the acquisition and development of real estate for branch banking. Brandt represents clients as sellers and buyers in the acquisition and sale of commercial real estate and as landlords and tenants in commercial leasing.

Brandt has lived in the "trenches" with his banking clients through the ups and downs of the credit cycles over the years. As in-house counsel during the past financial crisis, Brandt worked with outside counsel to maximize the recovery on distressed real estate debt in the national markets, including Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and the Missouri market in St. Louis.

In private practice since 2009, Brandt's practice for his banking clients has covered loan workouts, debt restructuring, foreclosures, receiverships and protecting his clients' interests in bankruptcy proceedings. His representation of financial institutions in private practice, together with two decades of experience as in-house counsel to bank lending and workout officers, provides Brandt with the skill sets to handle the "crisis of the day," whether it be negotiating and

### SERVICES

Agribusiness

Banking & Finance

Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights

Commercial Lending

Cryptocurrency, Blockchain & FinTech

Real Estate, Zoning & Public Finance

### EDUCATION

Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., 1981, *summa cum laude*,

Indiana University, B.A., 1977, *with honors*

### ADMISSIONS

Indiana

documenting the terms of a complex commercial or real estate lending transaction, advising a bank workout officer on the ramifications of a bankruptcy filing by a borrower, or pursuing a foreclosure when workout efforts have been exhausted.

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### Experience

Represented the Shareholders of a Risk Management Information System Provider for Health Care Organizations in the Sale of Their Business

Represented a Regional Bank that Lends Money to Commercial Entities for the Purchase of Commercial Aircraft

### Membership & Involvement

- Member: Indianapolis Bar Association; Indiana State Bar Association; American Bar Association

### Honors

- Selected to Aviation Insurance Association's Eagle Society: 2024
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Real Estate Law: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Finance Law: 2023, 2024, 2025
- Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Banking and Finance Law: 2024, 2025

### Firm News

100 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2025 in America Firm News, August 15, 2024

82 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2024 in America Firm News, August 17, 2023

37 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2023 Firm News, August 18, 2022

29 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022 Firm News, August 19, 2021

Attorney Brandt N. Hardy Joins Amundsen Davis's Banking & Financial Institutions Practice Group in Indianapolis  
July 12, 2017

5 Attorneys Join Our Indianapolis Office  
Firm News, September 2016

### Alerts

LIBOR's Ending: A Long Goodbye

IRS News on the 2020 Form 1040 Check Box on Virtual Currency

LIBOR Leaves Us In 2021. But What Comes Next? SOFR? Stay Tuned.

The Pitfalls of Not Giving a Lien Notice to Buyers of Farm Products

### Blog Posts

Silence is *Not* Always Golden: Land v. IU Credit Union  
*Banking Brief: Financial Services Insights*, November 9, 2023

Small Business Administration Providing Emergency Funding Due to COVID-19  
*Labor & Employment Law Update*, March 23, 2020

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