

Bio

Christopher Potts

Chris practices law with his father in South Bend. Chris graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, with a B.S. degree in Finance, and Valparaiso University School of Law.

Chris has practiced law in South Bend for 30 years, where his main areas of practice are family law, business law, estate planning, probate law, and alternative dispute resolution. He is a certified mediator, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana, and is a member of the state and local bar associations.

Chris has lectured or made presentations on family law and mediation issues. He has served as a family law mediator since 1995 and has successfully mediated or arbitrated over 200 divorce and paternity cases.

Mark Phillipoff Bio

Mark graduated from Notre Dame and Indiana University School of Law. He was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and an associate at a small southern Indiana law firm before returning to his hometown, South Bend, and joining Jones Obenchain in 1983.

Mark's practice includes mediation, general trial work, family law, estate planning, probate and real estate law. He has handled appeals in Indiana and Michigan, as well as the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

In 2007, Mark was trained to become a Collaborative Family Law Lawyer and he joined the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (www.collaborativepractice.com). Collaborative divorce involves the use of attorneys for each party, often joined by other expert consultants, but, instead of court battles, the parties and lawyers pledge from the outset to work together in crafting an outcome that is fair to all without ever going to Court.

In 2009, Mark began mediating family law matters. As a neutral mediator with thirty years of family law experience, Mark has helped dozens of couples resolve their disputes outside of the courtroom.