

Gary L. Chapman

Profile

Gary Chapman is the chair of the [Agricultural Law Group](#), and a member of the Estate and Wealth Transfer Planning Group and the Real Estate Group. Mr. Chapman's focus on the needs of agri-business includes assistance with choice of entity, contract reviews, acquisitions, estate and business succession planning, taxes, leases and property transfers. His real estate practice includes representing an agricultural real estate investment fund, which acquires agricultural real estate on a national basis, representing landowners who lease real estate to windmill companies and significant experience with real estate 1031 tax deferred exchanges. Mr. Chapman's practice also includes estate planning for individuals and corporate succession planning for closely held businesses. He frequently speaks on estate and succession planning and other issues that affect privately owned businesses, including family farms. Mr. Chapman worked as an agricultural chemical sales representative and as owner/manager of his family's holstein dairy operation before attending law school. He is a graduate of the Indiana Agriculture Leadership Program and is past chairman of the Indiana Agriculture Leadership Institute. He has been a practicing attorney since 1989 and a partner in the firm since 1996.

Education

Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis (J.D. *summa cum laude*, 1989)
Purdue University (B.S. *summa cum laude*, Ag. Econ., 1980)

Honors / Awards

AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell; Wall Street Tax and Business Award (Indiana University, 1989) Indiana University Jump Scholar (1987-1989) Phi Beta Kappa Purdue School of Agriculture's Outstanding Senior Man

Appearances / Publications

Mr. Chapman speaks on succession planning for privately owned businesses, choice of entity for business structure and other estate and corporate matters.

Appointments / Memberships

Member: Indianapolis (Estate Planning Executive Council) and Indiana State Bar Associations; Indiana Agricultural Leadership Institute (Director & Chairman -1997); Farmhouse Fraternity, Purdue University (1980); Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program (1986-1988)



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