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Bryce Bennett Jr., 39
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Among Bennett's claims to fame is this: He's won every one of the 18 jury trials he has tried so far.

Currently, he's representing race drivers in an antitrust case against the Sports Car Club of America. He received a lot of press for successfully arguing a right-to-die issue before the Indiana Supreme Court as attorney for the family of Sue Ann Lawrance, a case that was put "in a very difficult position by religious fundamentalists," Bennett says.

He focuses on professional liability and products liability cases and, for 10 years, has helped various fellow lawyers who come to him when they need help defending themselves in malpractice litigation.

Bennett decided on law school after getting straight A's at Indiana University's business school. He realized he needed more of a challenge.

After getting his *magna cum laude* degree from IU's law school, he knew some prestigious doors were open, but he opted to make his own mark with a small law firm. In 1978, Bennett began working in a partnership with Jim Riley and, in 1984, left with him to form Riley Bennett & Egloff, which now employs 15 attorneys.

Bennett says his effectiveness as one of the youngest law firm partners in town has been enhanced by volunteer work, which continues to teach him about motivating people, about teamwork and about new methods of achievement. He serves on the board of Hemophilia of Indiana and is treasurer of the Indianapolis Press Club, secretary of Media Indiana Inc., chairman of the litigation section of the Indianapolis Bar Association, and a faculty member of the National Business Institute.

He's also active with the Indianapolis Equal Opportunity Advisory Board, the United Way allocation committee and the Mayor's Diversity Development Task Force. •