



## WILLIAM BOCK, III, PARTNER

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Bill Bock is an experienced litigator with substantial sports law and sports drug testing experience. Bill has represented clients in high profile investigations, litigation and arbitration throughout the United States. Bill has a strong interest in business and sports ethics, sports drug testing and athletic eligibility issues.

Bill has appeared before panels of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and/or the International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, in more than seventy-five (75+) sports eligibility disputes. The CAS is the specialized arbitral tribunal which handling international sport disputes. <http://www.tas-cas.org>

Bill has extensive experience with athlete eligibility matters arising under specialized rules and statutes such as the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (the "Sports Act"). Bill was involved in one of the early arbitrations under the Act in 1994 and in numerous arbitrations under the Sports Act since that time.

Bill was the lead attorney for the **United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA)** in the investigation of the use of performance enhancing drugs by Lance Armstrong and other members of the United States Postal Service Cycling Team. Bill interviewed each of USADA's cyclist witnesses, represented USADA in court proceedings brought by Armstrong in Austin, Texas, and was the principal author of USADA's approximately 200 page Reasoned Decision setting forth the evidence against Mr. Armstrong. For his work on the Armstrong case Bill was named a 2012 Lawyer of the Year by *Law Week Colorado* and a Distinguished Barrister by the *Indiana Lawyer* in 2013.

Bill's work on the Armstrong case is described in the New York Times bestseller list books: *Wheelmen: Lance Armstrong, the Tour de France, and the Greatest Sports Conspiracy Ever* by [Wall Street Journal](#) reporters Reed Albergotti and Vanessa O'Connell and *Cycle of*

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### EDUCATION

*The University of Michigan Law School,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1989 J.D.*

*Honors: Cum Laude*

*Oral Roberts University, 1985 B.A.*

*Honors: Summa Cum Laude*

### BAR ADMISSIONS

*Indiana*

*Colorado*

*S. District Court Northern District of Indiana*

*S. District Court Southern District of  
Indiana*

*S. District Court Northern District of Florida*

*S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit*

*S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit*

**PRACTICE AREAS**

*Sports Law and Litigation*

*Business Litigation*

*Municipal & Election Law*

*Appellate Practice*

*Employment Law*

*Lies: The Fall of Lance Armstrong* by New York Times sports reporter Juliet Macur as well as in news articles, including “Armstrong’s Wall of Silence Fell Rider by Rider,” New York Times, October 20, 2012; “Local lawyer key figure in felling Armstrong,” Indianapolis Business Journal, October 27, 2012; “No big bad wolf behind Lance Armstrong investigation,” Indianapolis Business Journal, October 31, 2012.

Since 2007 Bill has served as General Counsel to USADA located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. USADA is the independent entity charged with the responsibility to investigate and prosecute instances of drug use in Olympic and Paralympic sports by U.S. athletes, ([www.usada.org](http://www.usada.org)), and Bill has direct responsibility for USADA’s investigations and prosecutions.

Bill was also heavily involved in USADA’s investigation of the BALCO doping conspiracy and was interviewed for and quoted in the best selling book, *Game of Shadows: Barry Bonds, BALCO, and the Steroids Scandal that Rocked Professional Sports* by San Francisco Chronicle Reporters Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams (Gotham Books, 2006). Prior to becoming USADA’s General Counsel Bock had served USADA as outside counsel for seven years.

In 2009 Bill was appointed by the international swimming federation, the **Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA)** headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, ([www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org)), to serve as one of six (6) international arbitrators on the FINA Doping Panel which adjudicates sports doping matters involving international swimmers.

In 2016 Bill was appointed as a public member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Committee on Infractions and Bill regularly hears cases involving the potential violation of NCAA rules as a member of the Committee.

During 2004 through 2006 Bill served as Parliamentarian of the Indiana House of Representatives in which capacity he advised the Speaker of the House on legal and parliamentary issues. As Parliamentarian Bill also provided oversight on legal matters involving the House, including litigation brought concerning Indiana’s photo identification law and a challenge to the practice of legislative prayers.

Bill received his J.D. degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School in 1989 and clerked for then U.S. District Judge, John Daniel Tinder, during 1990-1992.

## **CASES OF INTEREST**

Bock is a frequent speaker on issues pertaining to ethics in sport and society. In addition, Bill has:

- Handled cases before the Indiana Supreme Court, the Indiana Court of Appeals, the Sixth and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeals and State and/or Federal courts in Indiana, Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Texas and California;
- Handled election disputes, recounts, and election contests before trial courts, the Indiana Election Commission and the Indiana Recount Commission;
- Appeared before panels of the **American Arbitration Association** and the **International Court of Arbitration for Sport** (CAS) headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, in more than fifty (50+) sports eligibility disputes;
- Handled matters involving athletic eligibility before many national governing bodies and the **National Collegiate Athletic Association**.

Bill has also developed expertise in the specialized areas of government defense, constitutional law, voting rights and election law. He has defended and advised entities of local government in Voting Rights Act, political firing and constitutional and redistricting cases and has represented clients in recounts, election contests, and election boundary disputes before the Indiana Election Commission and Indiana Recount Commission. He has handled a number of matters involving compliance of voting systems with state and federal law and has represented counties in negotiations with their election services vendors. He has also served as special redistricting counsel to the Indiana House Republican Caucuses in 2000 and 2010, to the Indianapolis City-County Council in 2002 and to other units of government.

Bill has handled a half dozen recounts and/or election contests involving the election of state legislators from districts throughout Indiana and his clients have been successful in every recount or election contest he has defended before the Indiana Recount Commission. In 2007 Bill successfully defended a state legislator in a post election challenge to his residency that was brought in Porter County Superior Court. In 2006 Bill obtained a trial court judgment overturning the Boone County Election Board's refusal to accept a candidate's filing for local office

Bill is familiar with the intricate rules applicable to entities of state and local government and has regularly been hired by municipalities, legislative bodies, county election boards, state agencies and other elected officials to provide advice and handle litigation on their behalf. Recent cases of note in which Bill has been involved include his representation of the City of East Chicago in multiple lawsuits before the Indiana Supreme Court in 2009 and 2010 concerning the City's entitlement to revenues under the economic development agreement with the East Chicago riverboat. *Foundations of East Chicago, Inc. v. City of East Chicago*, 927 N.E.2d 900, 2010 WL 1979159, (Ind. 2010); *City of East Chicago, Indiana v. East Chicago Second Century, Inc.*, 908 N.E.2d 611 (Ind. 2009); and *Zoeller v. East Chicago Second Century, Inc.*, 904 N.E.2d 213 (Ind. 2009).

Bill has also successfully handled numerous political firing cases and other employment disputes for municipalities. In *Skrundz v. Pabey*, 2009 WL 1704687 (N.D.Ind. 2009), Bill obtained a judgment on the evidence in his client's favor following a four day jury trial in a political firing case. Other political discharge cases in which Bill was involved are identified below in a listing of representative cases.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Federal Cases:**

- *Armstrong v. Tygart*, 886 F.Supp.2d 572, (W.D.Tex. 2012)
- *Graham v. U.S. Anti-Doping Agency*, 2011 WL 1261321 (E.D.N.C. 2011)
- *Dado v. Pabey*, 2011 WL 854908 (N.D. Ind. 2011)
- *S. S.E.C. v. Payne*, 2011 WL 693604 (S.D. Ind. 2011)
- *Skrundz v. Pabey*, 2009 WL 1704687 (N.D. Ind. 2009)
- *Camacho v. City of East Chicago*, 2008 WL 4809625 (N.D. Ind. 2008)
- *Camacho v. Pabey*, 2008 WL 2990683 (N.D. Ind. 2008)
- *S. v. Graham*, 555 F.Supp.2d 1046 (N.D. Cal. 2008)
- *Gatlin v. U.S. Anti-Doping Agency*, 2008 WL 2567657 (N.D. Fla. 2008)
- *Cieminski v. Flaughner*, 2008 WL 482579 (S.D. Ohio 2008)
- *Dillard v. Marion County Election B*, 2008 WL 187531 (S.D. Ind. 2008)
- *Austin-Ridle v. Pabey*, 2007 WL 4355857 (N.D. Ind. 2007)
- *Carr v. City of East Chicago, Ind.*, 2007 WL 4287570 (N.D. Ind. 2007)
- *Kollintzas v. Pabey*, 2007 WL 4277912, (N.D. Ind. 2007)
- *Sanders v. City of East Chicago, Ind.*, 2007 WL 3505307 (N.D. Ind. 2007)
- *DeLaCruz v. Pabey*, 2007 WL 3102143 (N.D. Ind. 2007)
- *Ramos v. Pabey*, 628 F.Supp.2d 895, (N.D. Ind. 2007)
- *Allgood v. General Motors Corp.*, 2007 WL 647496 (S.D. Ind. 2007)
- *Allgood v. General Motors Corp.*, 2006 WL 2669337 (S.D. Ind. 2006)
- *In re 2005 U.S. Grand Prix*, 2006 WL 1663841 (S.D. Ind. 2006)
- *Bowers v. Federation Internationale de L'Automobile*, 461 F.Supp.2d 855 (S.D. Ind. 2006)
- *Allgood v. General Motors Corp.*, 2005 WL 2218371 (S.D. Ind. 2005)
- *Knauer v. Jonathon Roberts Financial Group, Inc.*, 348 F.3d 230 (7th Cir. 2003)
- *FDL, Inc. v. Simmons Co.*, 2003 WL 23220055 (S.D. Ind. 2003)
- *Tanford v. Brand*, 932 F.Supp. 1139 (S.D. Ind. 1996)
- *Hines v. Marion County Election Board*, 166 F.R.D. 402 (S.D. Ind. 1995)
- *S. v. Wedzeb Enterprises, Inc.*, 844 F.Supp. 1328 (S.D. Ind. 1994)

### **State Cases:**

- *Foundations of East Chicago, Inc. v. City of East Chicago*, 927 N.E.2d 900, 2010 WL 1979159 (Ind. 2010)
- *Lees Inns of America, Inc. v. William R. Lee Irrevocable Trust*, 924 N.E.2d 143 (Ind. Ct. App. 2010)
- *City of East Chicago, Indiana v. East Chicago Second Century, Inc.*, 908 N.E.2d 611 (Ind. 2009)
- *Foundations of East Chicago, Inc. v. City of East Chicago*, 905 N.E.2d 30 (Ind. Ct. App. 2009)
- *Zoeller v. East Chicago Second Century, Inc.*, 904 N.E.2d 213 (Ind. 2009)
- *Carter v. City of East Chicago*, 881 N.E.2d 1114 (Ind. Ct. App. 2008)
- *Peters v. Sutton*, 878 N.E.2d 544 (Ind. Ct. App. 2007)
- *City of East Chicago v. East Chicago Second Century, Inc.*, 878 N.E.2d 358 (Ind. Ct. App. 2007)
- *Natare Corp. v. D.S.I., Duraplastec Systems, Inc.*, 855 N.E.2d 985 (Ind. 2006)



- *Clay Tp. of Hamilton County ex rel. Hagan v. Clay Tp. Regional Waste Dist.*, 838 N.E.2d 1054 (Ind. Ct. App. 2005)
- *Natare Corp. v. D.S.I., Duraplastec Systems, Inc.*, 833 N.E.2d 76 (Ind. Ct. App. 2005)
- *Sadler v. State ex rel. Sanders*, 811 N.E.2d 936 (Ind. Ct. App. 2004)
- *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Bailey*, 808 N.E.2d 1198 (Ind. Ct. App. 2004)
- *Peterson v. Borst*, 789 N.E.2d 460 (Ind. 2003)
- *Peterson v. Borst*, 786 N.E.2d 668 (Ind. 2003)
- *Peterson v. Borst*, 784 N.E.2d 934 (Ind. 2003)
- *Parrish v. Pike Tp. Trustee's Office of Marion County*, 742 N.E.2d 515 (Ind. Ct. App. 2001)
- *Shell Oil Co. v. Meyer*, 705 N.E.2d 962 (Ind. 1998)

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Sports Lawyers Association, *Member*
- Michigan Journal of Law Reform, *Member* (1987-1989)
- Indianapolis Bar Association, Sports and Entertainment Section, *Past Chairman*
- Indiana State Bar Association, *Member*
- American Bar Association, *Member*
- Indiana State Board of Prison Fellowship, *Past Co-Chairman*
- Indiana State Board of Justice Fellowship, *Past Member*
- Neighborhood Advocacy Corporation, *Founding Board Member*

### **AWARDS & SERVICE**

#### Awards

- 2015-2017 *Super Lawyer* (Indiana)
- 2014-2015 "Being A Difference" Award, NASBA Center for the Public Trust
- 2013 Distinguished Barrister by the *Indiana Lawyer*
- 2012 Lawyer of the Year by *Law Week Colorado*

#### Service

- U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, General Counsel, 2007-present
- Ncaa Division I Committee on Infractions, 2016-Present
- Fina Doping Panel, 2009-Present
- INDYCAR Review Facilitator and Appeal Panel Member, 2016-PRESENT
- Indiana House of Representatives, Parliamentarian, 2004-2006