

Mark Thornburg

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Mark Thornburg is the executive director of legal affairs and general counsel for Indiana Farm Bureau. In his role, he oversees a wide variety of legal issues pertaining to the state membership organization as well as the county Farm Bureaus.

Thornburg joined INFB in 1999 as an environmental attorney, helping members find answers to agricultural-related legal issues. Prior to coming to Farm Bureau, he worked for the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service for 17 years both as an extension educator and as an extension staff specialist. Thornburg also was a U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Fellow with the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C., working in its legislative department. Just prior to coming to Farm Bureau, he briefly provided legal and policy analysis for Extension, the Office of the State Chemist and the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

He has a bachelor's degree from Purdue University, where he majored in agricultural economics, and an MBA from Ball State University. Thornburg received his law degree, which included a concentration in environmental law and policy, from Valparaiso University. In 2008, he was awarded the Apex Award by the Purdue Agricultural Economics Department.

Thornburg serves as secretary for the Indiana Agricultural Law Foundation, a charitable organization that promotes a better understanding of legal issues facing Indiana agriculture through educational programming and support of precedent-setting litigation. He is a past chair and current board member of the Indiana Agriculture Leadership Institute, and a graduate of the Leadership Program Class 8. Previously he served as the chair of the Ag Law Section of the Indiana State Bar Association.

Thornburg and his, wife, Julie, live in Zionsville with their son, Max.



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