



Forty  
under 40

**WHO'S HOT**  
**IN INDY THIS YEAR**

**W**e've rounded up a list of some of the standout members of the local business community under the age of 40. Poke your head inside to see whom we chose and why.



### **Jason R. Reese | 33**

Attorney, Founding Partner  
Wagner Reese & Crossen LLP

Jason Reese is praised for the utmost respect and civility he shows everyone.

"While remaining a staunch advocate for his clients, Jason easily develops good rapport and good working relationships with opponents to get differences resolved and achieve excellent results for his clients," a team of nominators said.

A trial attorney, Reese and his colleagues represent clients in Indiana and nationwide in the areas of personal injury, medical and legal malpractice, Worker's Compensation, product liability and wrongful death.

He has received a number of accolades. In 2002, he was recognized by the Indiana Bar Association as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year for his excellence as a lawyer committed to his profession and the community.

Then, last year, he was named an Indiana Super Lawyer—attorneys throughout Indiana identified him as a lawyer in the top 5 percent of his practice areas.

Reese and his partners have new offices on the booming Meridian corridor in Carmel at 11939 N. Meridian St. The firm rehabilitated a 7,000-square-foot home on the property to serve as offices.

He knows the public sometimes brands personal-injury attorneys with a

scarlet letter, Reese said, but he's proud of his career choice. "I've met some of the hardest-working lawyers in the entire profession, and they have the highest integrity," he noted.

He is pleased, too, with the outcome of several of his cases. For example, he represented a woman who was raped in a mall parking lot in a case against a security company and mall management, charging that security wasn't adequate. He won the case for his client and said the mall and security company are now providing increased security at the mall to better protect customers.

In another Indiana city, Reese represented the family of a brain-damaged baby. A nurse was weighing the baby on a scale that had no safety belt and dropped him. Now the hospital has specific procedures in place about how to weigh a baby safely, and it requires its scales to have safety belts, too. More babies are safe as a result of the case.

Work is not all-encompassing for Reese, however. He typically notes family fun and obligations on his calendar first and then fills up around those with his lawyering responsibilities.

"I make time for what I'm going to do, and I have two great partners who back me up."•