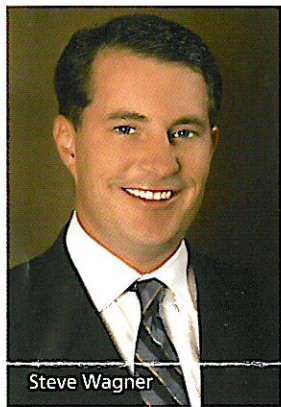


Wagner is 2006 Indiana Trial Lawyer of the Year



The Indiana Trial Lawyers Association named **Steve Wagner**, JD'94, of Wagner Reese & Crossen Law Firm, Trial Lawyer of the Year.

The annual award honors “distinguished service as a leading member of the Indiana trial bar and dedication to the rights of the injured under the laws of the state of Indiana and the United States of America.”

“Steve exemplifies leadership, service, and dedication to both his clients and the objectives of ITLA,” said Micki B. Wilson, ITLA executive director. “His

work in the police-action shooting case of *Leaf v. Marion County Sheriff Frank Cottey, et al*, is believed to be the largest voluntary settlement ever paid by the Marion County Sheriff in a civil rights case. It showcased his skill and dedication in advocating for his clients.”

After law school, Wagner worked for the Department of Justice as staff counsel for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Philadelphia and practiced with Riley Bennett & Egloff before entering private practice. In 2000, he formed Wagner Reese & Crossen, a Carmel, Ind.-based firm representing injury victims nationwide, with partners **Jason Reese**, JD'97, and Trevor Crossen.