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Blackburn Romey attorneys (from left): Frank Wolferd, Ryan Lindinger, Tom Blackburn, Chad Romey, Christopher Blackburn and David Singleton.

Auburn Man Can't Believe His Luck!

Matthew Knisely of Auburn thought it was a scam call when his phone rang more than once on Aug. 31, so he did not answer the calls.

"I saw the missed calls when I was riding to my girlfriend's house," Knisley said. "I thought it was spam, so I ignored it."

He finally answered, but still thought it was spam. "However, then I recognized Tom Blackburn's voice from the (Blackburn Romey) commercials," he said. That's when it really hit him — he was the winner of the Blackburn Romey annual Harley Davidson

giveaway.

Even after Knisley finally realized he was the winner of the 2026 Harley Davidson Fat Boy, he still could not believe his luck.

"I've never won anything in my life!" he said.

He took some ribbing from his father, Chris Knisely, 66, who has entered the contest every year since it began.

"I'll enter again next year," Knisely told his father, "and if I win, I'll give it to you."

Knisely, 35, works at Hendrickson in Kendallville and is a seasoned rider.

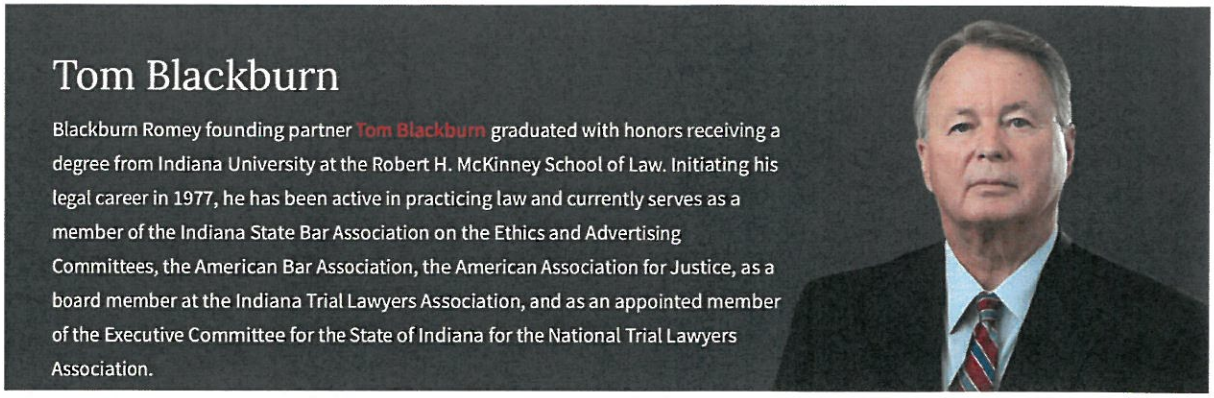
"I bought my first cycle — a Honda Rebel 500 — when I was in my early twenties," he said. Last year, Knisley bought a 2025 Harley Davidson Street Bob. So, now he owns two Harleys.

His girlfriend, Amber, was ecstatic when she heard the news.

"I'm so happy for you," she told Knisely.



Tom Blackburn, right, presents Matthew Knisley with his new Harley Davidson after his name was drawn in the annual Blackburn Romey giveaway.



Blackburn Named Top10 by Trucking Trial Lawyers Association

Blackburn Romey is proud to announce that founding partner Thomas Blackburn has been recognized as an active member of the Trucking Trial Lawyers Association – Top 10, one of the Specialty Associations under The National Trial Lawyers. The honor, issued August 12, 2026, recognizes attorneys who have distinguished themselves in the demanding, highly technical field of trucking accident litigation.

A Career Built on Advocacy for Injury Victims

Thomas Blackburn has practiced law since 1977 and has focused exclusively on personal injury and wrongful death cases since 1985 — including a substantial number of Indiana truck accident claims involving semi-trucks, commercial carriers, and catastrophic injuries. Earlier in his career, he worked in insurance defense and as a deputy prosecuting attorney, giving him firsthand insight into how insurance companies and trucking carriers build their defense.

Over four decades, Thomas has built a record of recognitions that reflect that experience, including:
Indiana Super Lawyer (2016–2026)

- Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Indiana, National Trial Lawyers Association
- AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell®, awarded to fewer than 5% of attorneys nationwide
- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum member

His addition to the Trucking Trial Lawyers Association – Top 10 adds another marker of that experience — one focused specifically on the complex world of trucking litigation.

What This Means for Blackburn Romey Clients

For families across Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, South Bend, Lafayette, Merrillville, Terre Haute, and Evansville, this recognition is another

confirmation that Blackburn Romey has the specific trucking accident experience these cases demand. Truck accident claims move quickly — evidence like electronic logging data and dashcam footage can disappear if it isn't preserved right away — and having an attorney who is recognized among the nation's leading trucking trial lawyers can make a real difference in how a case is investigated and valued.
If you or someone you love has been injured in a semi-truck or commercial vehicle accident in Indiana, Blackburn Romey is ready to help.

Call 833-366-6595 or reach out online to schedule your free consultation.

Romey Speaks to South Side Soccer Players



South Side Soccer Coach Coliss Wallace (standing, far right) invited Chad Romey to speak to the South Side soccer teams at their weekly team dinner. Romey, pictured in the front row on the left, said Coach Wallace is also a firefighter and simply a "fantastic human being."

Blackburn Romey Voted Best Law Firm by South Bend, Fort Wayne Voters

Blackburn Romey was named Best Law Firm for the fourth year in a row and Tom Blackburn was named Best Personal Injury Lawyer by the South Bend Tribune Choice voters.
The firm also garnered more awards in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette Reader's Choice Awards where Chris Blackburn was named Best Personal Injury Lawyer, Chad Romey was voted Best Lawyer and the Blackburn Romey firm was voted Best Law Firm for the fifth consecutive year. All three lawyers were voted the Top

Personal Injury Lawyers.



Chad Romey, Tom Blackburn, Chris Blackburn



Lawyers Frank Wolferd, Tom Blackburn and Ryan Lindinger work in the Blackburn Romey office in South Bend.



Recognizing First Responders

Each month Blackburn Romey Law Firm, along with K105 in Fort Wayne and B100 in Mishawaka are recognizing first responders who perform exceptional service in their particular field. September honorees were Jon Norton Sr. and Keith Roddy.

Jon Norton Sr.

Bertrand Township Fire Dept.

Norton has been serving as a firefighter since the age of 15 and currently has an incredible 49 years of experience in the fire service. He served in the military and serves as a Firefighter Engineer at the Bertrand Township Fire Department.



A true family man, Norton enjoys life to the fullest, riding his motorcycle, jet skiing and spending time with his kids, grandbabies and step-grandbabies. When asked what he'd like to share with the community, Jon said, "It's not too early to prepare for winter, and don't forget to enjoy life."

Keith Roddy

Fort Wayne Fire Dept., Station 4

The individual who nominated Mr. Roddy for the First Responder Award shared that while battling cancer, he's continuing to fight not only for himself but his community. Roddy loves being a firefighter and always thinks of others, as does his family. They are always thinking of others even when they are going through such a hard time themselves. The community and fire team appreciates all that he is doing and has been doing for years, said a spokesperson at the fire department.



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