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| Getting to know Brian Carroll What drew you to the practice of special needs planning? What keeps you excited about it?  When I first started practicing 43 years ago, I handled just about anything under the sun. This included Family Law, some minor criminal matters, real estate, small business matters etc. I eventually narrowed my focus to Elder Law and Estate Planning and Administration. I was drawn to special needs planning as I have friends and clients with children that have special needs. I admired them for being some of the most caring, loving people I know. Assisting them has been a real privilege. Getting to know those who work and volunteer in the special needs community has been a joy.  How do you describe your work to people who are unfamiliar with it?  I assist families who have a loved one with a special needs plan for the future well being and ensure they are cared for.  What advice do you have for members who are new to the SNA?  Attend all the fall and spring meetings, participate on a committee, and make an effort to get to know as many members as possible.  What are you most passionate about?  Assisting families on planning for the future. What makes me feel good is to hear a client comment after the first meeting that they feel so much better and that a load has been lifted off their shoulders knowing that there is a path forward.  What is your ideal way to spend a Saturday?  Playing a morning game of tennis or golf, lunch with my wife and then spending the afternoon at home doing whatever needs to be done and/or watching sports on tv (usually IU football or basketball).  What book, podcast or movie do you recommend to others?  I recommend the podcast “The Rest Is History.” The host are two British authors and historians. I love history and they bring much enthusiasm and humor to the various periods of history. As someone who grew up in the 1960’s, I found episodes 508-510 on 1968 in the US to be extremely interesting. |