

Nichols, Wallsmith, & Weaver

Founded: 1889

Location: Original location unknown, Knox (1889– ); 54 East Washington Street

James W. Nichols practiced law in Knox from 1889 until 1903. After leaving Knox, he established a practice in Danville, Indiana. In 1900 Nichols had joined with William C. Pentecost to form Nichols & Pentecost. After Nichols's departure, Pentecost continued the firm on his own until 1914. In that year Orville W. Nichols continued the practice. Orville Nichols earned his law degree from Harvard University and served as both a county attorney and deputy prosecutor. He retired from the firm in 1960. In 1948 Orville W. Nichols, Jr., joined the practice, which became Nichols & Nichols, and continued it after his father's retirement. Orville Nichols, Jr., served as a prosecuting attorney in Starke County from 1951 to 1955. In the 1970s he brought two partners into the firm: David J. Wallsmith and Charles W. Weaver, both graduates of the Indiana University School of Law.