



Gregory S. Fehribach

An attorney with a disability who uses an electric wheelchair as a mobility aid device, Gregory S. Fehribach founded The Fehribach Group in 1995, where he provides innovative access solutions to clients who are continually creating an accessible environment that is welcoming to all guests.

Greg's law practice affiliates with Doninger, Tuohy & Bailey LLP, in Indianapolis. He is a panel trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Indiana, a position he has held since 1988. Greg is a Distinguished Fellow at Ball State University, where he coordinates the Disability Project. The Project's mission is to increase economic potential for people with disabilities by connecting them to public and private sector opportunities.

Greg's work with social entrepreneurship began when Governor Robert D. Orr appointed him to Indiana's Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council from 1987-1990. He later was appointed chairman of the Indiana Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities from 1989-1992 by Governor Evan Bayh.

In 2001, the late Governor Frank O'Bannon appointed Greg to chair the Indiana Governor's Residence Commission. He led the commission to create a more accessible Governor's Residence. Governor Joseph Kernan continued Greg's appointment to the commission following Governor O'Bannon's death. Governor Kernan appointed Greg to the Ball State University Board of Trustees in 2004, where he concluded his service in December of 2007.

Former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson called Greg to serve his administration in several capacities. In 2001, he appointed Greg to the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, which he chaired from 2003-2005. In 2005, Greg began his service as a Trustee for the Health and Hospital Corporation (HHC) of Marion County, Indiana. Mayor Greg Ballard again called on Greg to continue his service and reappointed him as Trustee for the corporation in 2011. He was elected Vice Chairperson of HHC in April, 2014. Under Greg's guidance as legal counsel, Indianapolis has been named a top accessible city since 2004 by the National Organization on Disability, and was awarded the honor of most accessible city in 2009.

Greg is a former member of the National Board of Directors for Easter Seals where he served as the first Vice-Chair and on the Public Affairs Committee. He has been honored with the Indiana Lawyer's Leadership in Law Distinguished Barrister Award, 2008; the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation's Unbreakable Spirit Award, 2007, 2014; the Easter Seals' Joanna Cooke Plaut Award, 2002; and by the Indianapolis Mayor's Advisory Council on Disability in 1997 and 1998. Both Governors O'Bannon and Kernan appointed Greg a Sagamore of the Wabash. Greg is often consulted by national, state and local media as an expert regarding people with disabilities as it relates to inclusion and access.

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- Ball State University, Political Science, Business Administration and Counseling Psychology, B.S. 1981
-Personnel Administration for Public Service, M.A. 1983
-Student Body President 1979-80
-Outstanding Alumnus, Disabled Student Services, 1988
-Outstanding Young Alumnus, 1994
- Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, J.D. 1985

Additional Representation & Service:

- Super Bowl XLVI, Counsel to the NFL Re: Disability Issues
- City of Evansville, Indiana, Counsel on Disability Issues
- City of Carmel, Indiana, Counsel on Disability Issues
- City of Muncie, Indiana, Counsel on Disability Issues
- City of Hammond, Indiana, Counsel on Disability Issues
- Indianapolis Bar Association, Chairman of Diversity Task Force
- Disability Advisor to Mayor William Hudnut, III, City of Indianapolis
- Counsel to Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, City of Indianapolis
- Counsel to the Office of Corporation Counsel, City of Indianapolis
- Disability Advisor and Counsel to the Office of the Clerk of Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Board Member, Indiana Landmarks

The Fehribach Group

In today's global economy, understanding the meaning of diversity has a significant impact on our collective potential for economic success. It's particularly relevant in creating an accessible environment for people with disabilities.

The passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act nearly 24 years ago opened new doors for the more than 50 million people with disabilities, as well as their loved ones and friends. It also created a new customer base for businesses and organizations.

At the Fehribach Group, we help our clients look deeper to determine how people with disabilities can enhance and strengthen their strategic and economic goals. Our legal team works in conjunction with architects, construction managers, and engineers to craft and implement physical access systems that provide people with disabilities, the elderly, and others, the access required by the ADA. We also recognize that the ADA is constantly evolving, which is why we consistently monitor changes and updates to the law.

In counseling our clients, we apply the concept of universal design – or universal accessibility – which is based upon a worldwide movement of creating products, environments and communications that are responsive to the spectrum of human needs and accessible to the widest possible array of users. Investing in sound universal design practices saves our clients money in the long run, protecting them from potential cost overruns and possible litigation, while building an accessible environment for the future. It also creates greater economic opportunity for people with disabilities, allowing businesses to reach an untapped market of uniquely qualified individuals.

Some of the Fehribach Group's projects include:

Indianapolis State Fairgrounds Coliseum – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group advised on the renovation of this historic WPA project. Guests with disabilities can now enjoy clear sightlines for all events held in the venue, from basketball games to rodeos.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group is consulting with IMS and Browning Investments to retrofit this iconic race track with better accessible seating. IMS is working to create more areas of accessible seating for people with disabilities while maintaining the original atmosphere of the track.

Assembly Hall – Bloomington, Indiana. The Fehribach Group advises Indiana University on the renovation of Assembly Hall to increase universal access for fans with disabilities. By removing many of the physical barriers from the venue, IU has created an inclusive environment without compromising the historic nature of the arena.

Historic Hinkle Fieldhouse at Butler University – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group was the ADA advisor in the consulting and renovating of Hinkle Fieldhouse. The project included creating accessible spaces and paths of travel for spectators with disabilities while preserving the historic aesthetic of this iconic Fieldhouse.

Eskenazi Health – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group led the teams' approach for a universally accessible design philosophy at the new hospital. Eskenazi Health was intentionally designed to be welcoming, accessible, and barrier-free for patients, guests and employees alike.

Indianapolis Marion County Public Library – Indianapolis, Indiana. For the first time in the library's history, the downtown Central Library is now accessible to people with disabilities. The Fehribach Group provided consultation to retrofit the library's original 1917 structure, as well as ensure the 293,000 square foot addition is accessible for all.

The Indianapolis International Airport – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group served as the consultant in creating the Weir Cook Terminal, an accessible and inclusive midfield terminal. The team also provides accessibility consultation for the entire airport facility and accompanying programmatic features.

Indiana Governor's Residence – Indianapolis, Indiana. Greg Fehribach served as chairman of the Indiana Governor's Residence Commission, and participated in a process that kept the Residence in a historic Indianapolis neighborhood while making it accessible for people with disabilities. He also served as the coordinator and consultant for new construction and retrofitting, as well as designed an accessibility program for Indiana's living room.

Indiana State Museum – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group served as the consultant for the creation of an accessible and universally inclusive museum that showcases Indiana.

Lucas Oil Stadium – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group provided design and construction management consultation and developed an inclusive accessibility program for the home of the Indianapolis Colts.

Bankers Life Fieldhouse – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group served as the design and construction management consultant and developed an inclusive accessibility program for the home of the Indiana Pacers and the Indiana Fever. The facility also is a concert and event venue for Central Indiana residents.

Victory Field – Indianapolis, Indiana. The Fehribach Group provided design consultation and developed an inclusive accessibility program for a downtown outdoor baseball park that houses the Indianapolis Indians.

Indianapolis Cultural Trail – Indianapolis, Indiana. A crown jewel of downtown Indianapolis, the Cultural Trail showcases and connects the city's thriving cultural districts. The Fehribach Group provided consultation to ensure this urban pedestrian and bicycle path can be enjoyed by members of the aging population, fitness enthusiasts, parents with strollers, and people with disabilities.

The Fehribach Group also has worked with Marriott Hotels, General Hotels, White Lodging Hotels and the Conrad Hilton, as well as several Indianapolis restaurants to ensure all facilities are accessible and welcoming to people with disabilities and their guests.