

**DISTINGUISHED HOOSIER AWARD**  
**Blayne Miley, JD, Indiana State Nurses Association's Director of Policy & Advocacy**



Mr. Miley has the qualities and characteristics that reflect the best of Indiana. His “actions endear them to the hearts and minds of all Hoosiers” specially with his long enduring working relationship with the Philippine Nurses Association of Indiana (PNA-IN) in their advocacy to expand pathways for RN licensure of foreign educated nurses (FENs) in Indiana since 2012. Prior to this PNA-IN worked with Ernest Klein, ISNA Executive Director in this FEN issue with the Indiana State Board of Nursing thru Rule Promulgation until he retired in 2012 and Mr. Miley took over.

Mr. Miley more than fulfilled his role with ISNA as a resource for all nurses and nursing students engaged in policy. Mr. Miley coordinated with government affairs for the professional association representing all of Indiana's registered nurses, Indiana Hospital Association, Chief Nurse Executives of Indiana Hospitals and Deans of Schools of Nursing in drafting the initial content of HB 1003, authored by Rep. Ethan Manning. The bill passed both House and Senate Chambers wherein PNA-IN provided testimony in support of the bill in both House and Senate Committee hearings. HB 1003 was signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb on March 10, 2022. Passage of this bill into law and correct implementation by the Board of Nursing has a major impact in creating a healthy and robust nursing workforce in this time of nursing shortage crisis by allowing qualified nursing professionals to be hired into the nursing workforce and facilitate nursing education to secure a continued nursing pipeline to care for all patients in our state of Indiana.

Mr. Miley has served as an adjunct professor at Marian University and Indiana State University, teaching health policy in the doctoral programs, as well as an adjunct lecturer at IU School of Nursing, regularly speaking to nursing students in the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral programs. Mr. Miley is an Indiana native with a bachelor's degree from Purdue University and a law degree from Georgetown University. He is co-chair of the Indiana Nurses on Boards Coalition, and has served as President of the Indiana Area Health Education Center Statewide Advisory Board and a member of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Medicaid Advisory Committee. His role with ISNA is to be a resource for all nurses and nursing students engaged in policy, and to coordinate government affairs for the professional association representing all of Indiana's registered nurses. Mr. Miley is deserving to be selected as a **Distinguished Hoosier Awardee**.

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