

Steve Crell's Pro Bono Work Pays Off for Entire Community

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As gas prices soar, commuters are turning to alternative transportation options. IndyGo, Indianapolis' public transportation system responded by launching IndyGo Commuter Express (ICE) services to outlying Indianapolis suburbs. Mark Chase worked downtown and was excited to take advantage of the ICE when it came to his Fishers community. Mark lives with multiple sclerosis (MS) and realized that ICE not only saves on gas, but also could help ease fatigue often associated with MS.

Steve Crell, Partner at Cohen Garelick & Glazier, received a phone call from Mark in conjunction with the ICE services and parking availability at the pick-up location in Fishers. In its early stages, all riders were required to park their cars far from the ICE bus, as the pick-up location did not provide adequate accessible parking for handicapped individuals. Steve saw the impact on Mark as well as the Fishers community as a whole and chose to take on Mark's case pro bono.

Steve worked closely with IndyGo and the pick-up location for ICE riders. He reviewed legal obligations in conjunction with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and assisted IndyGo to enhance the ICE experience for all handicapped riders. Steve was pleased to find IndyGo enthusiastic about making the necessary changes by adding handicap accessible parking spaces close to the bus for ease of use.

Steve Crell's work on behalf of one client will benefit Fishers residents for years to come.