

JOHN T. STUCHUL, an active, progressive and successful member of the Indiana county bar, is a son of Robert H. and Hannah D. (Thompson) Stuchul, and was born in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1855. The Stuchul family is of German extraction and the American branch is descended from ancestors who emigrated from Holland to this country in an early day. John T. Stuchul's paternal great-grandfather was Christopher Stuchul (the name is written Stuchul, *al* and *ell* by different families of the name). He was a farmer in Washington township, where he settled when it was principally a wilderness. He was a son of John Stuchul, who came to what is now White township about 1785. Christopher Stuchel was a farmer. One of his sons was John Stuchul (grandfather), who was born in Washington township in 1796 and died in 1852. he was a farmer, a member of the Associate Presbyterian or Seceder church and married Rebecca Mahan, who bore him seven sons and one daughter. Three of these sons—John, Christopher and William—served during the late war, in which Christopher died. Another son, Robert H. Stuchul (father), was born August 28, 1826, in Washington township and moved with his father to Mahoning township when about six years of age. He is a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of South Mahoning township. He is a hard-working and thorough-going man, an earnest member of the United Presbyterian church and a republican who has always worked faithfully in the interest of his party. He married Hannah D. Thompson, who was born in South Mahoning township, August 7, 1835, and is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Her father, James Thompson, married to Eliza Wilson, was a native of the county and died in 1842. he was a farmer by occupation and was a son of Robert Thompson, married to Hannah Simpson, who was a son of James Thompson, Sr., married to Mary Parks, who was of Scotch descent. They were all members of the Seceder church. James Thompson was a native of eastern Pennsylvania and in company with the Moorheads and other early settlers came into this county, where they located near the present county-seat.

John T. Stuchul was reared on his father's farm in South Mahoning township, where he received his early education in the common schools. He pursued his academic studies in Dayton academy and Plumville select school, and studied the languages under Rev. D. H. Blair, a private tutor who was a classical scholar and a successful teacher. At eighteen years of age he commenced life for himself by engaging in school work, which he followed for seven years. He then (1880) left the profession of teaching, entered the office of Hon. A. W. Taylor, of Indiana, as a law student, and after completing the required course of reading was admitted, in June, 1882, to the Indiana county bar. Immediately after admission he opened a law-office and has been steadily engaged since in building up the present lucrative practice which he enjoys.

October 28, 1886, he united in marriage with May Tucker, daughter of George Tucker, of South Mahoning township. To their union has been born one child, a daughter, named Martha Thompson Stuchul, born Nov. 30, 1887.

In politics Mr. Stuchul is a republican. He has always been interested in the material advancement of the county, as well as the prosperity of his borough and served for five years as secretary of the Indiana county Agricultural society, which was organized January 3, 1855. he is a member and elder of the United Presbyterian church and gives his attention principally to the practice of his profession. He is diligent and unceasing in working up his cases, careful in their presentation and leaves nothing undone to carry them to a successful issue.