

# Jonathan Leigh Faber, 30

President

CMG Worldwide Inc.

The new president of locally based CMG Worldwide Inc. struggles over whether he considers himself a guitar-playing lawyer or a guitarist practicing law.

So far, Jonathan Faber hasn't had to choose. Success in one field has complemented success in the other.

Someone once asked Faber whether he performed the guitar or law better.

"I'm actually a better guitar player than lawyer," he replied.

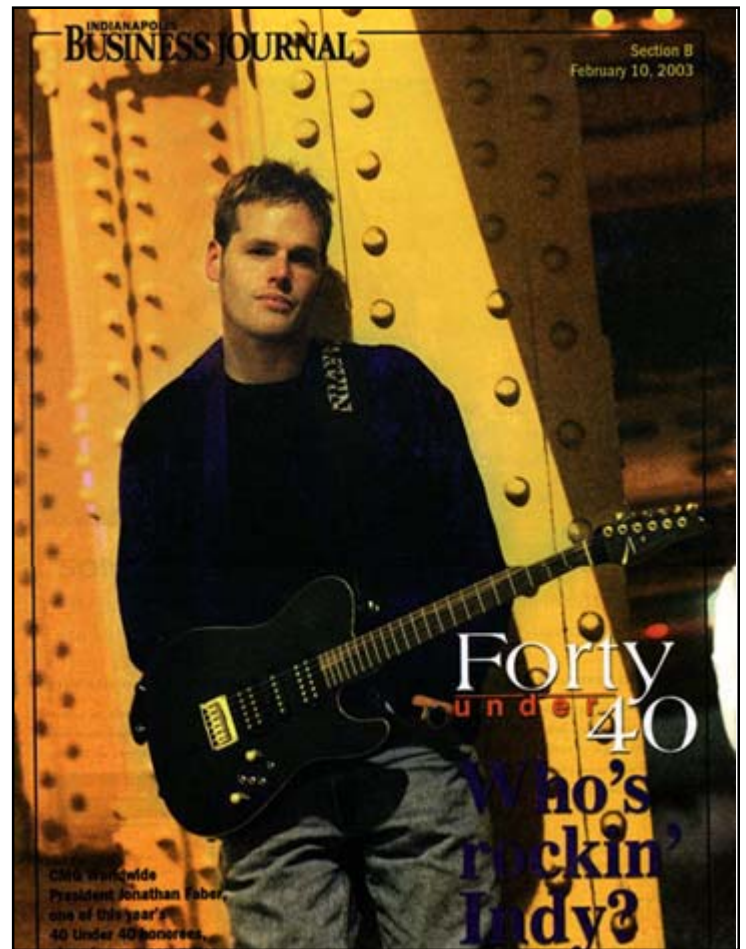
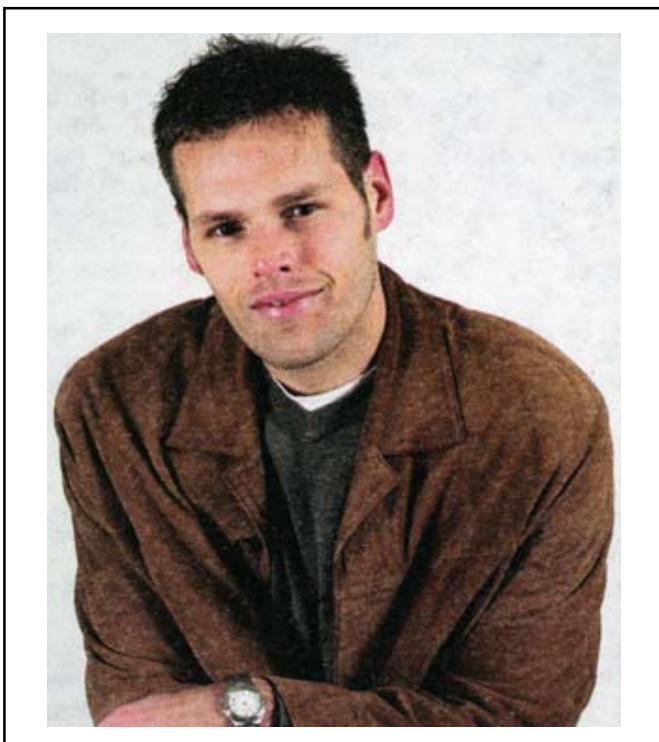
The person was impressed: "You're that good of a guitar player?"

"No," Faber said. "I'm that good of a lawyer."

After playing guitar only a year, 13-year-old Faber was performing publicly with band members twice his age in his home state of Ohio. By age 15, he was playing with professionals and releasing recordings of his own music, and carrying a note from his parents that gave him permission to play in nightclubs.

He has appeared with artists including Jon Secada, Mia Peebles and Eddie Money. He was even in contention to be the guitarist for Ozzy Osbourne in the early '90s but was beat out by legendary guitarist Steve Vai. Faber is finishing a new project he hopes to soon release publicly, either independently or through a label.

As for law, Faber first graduated magna cum laude with a double major in English and music from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. In 1999, he received a law



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**Favorite CD:** "Geoff Tate," former singer of Queensryche

**Favorite movie:** "Shawshank Redemption"

**Pet peeve:** attorneys who lie

degree from the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. In between, he worked in Los Angeles as an assistant for New York-based Atlantic Records and in Mayor Steve Goldsmith's office. In 1997, he joined CMG, the world's largest celebrity licensing company.

This past December, after becoming the highest-revenue-generating lawyer in CMG's history, Faber was promoted to president of CMG, which has satellite offices in Los Angeles and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Perhaps his biggest accomplishment at the firm to date was bringing the estate of Princess Diana to CMG. He even was pursued by paparazzi while in London to meet with representatives of the princess' estate and memorial fund.

Being president at age 30 doesn't faze Faber. Neither does going against a more experienced lawyer.

"I think the performer in me has been a big asset. When you perform, you wear your heart on your sleeve. Then, you live and die by the audience's immediate reaction. You learn to really polish your performance and be a consummate professional."