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EDUCATION J.D. University of Virginia

Charles Johns concentrates his practice in trial work with a focus on professional liability and energy litigation. He has extensive trial experience in both state and federal courts. He has tried cases throughout the state of West Virginia and also Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. He also argues cases before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He regularly defends doctors, nurses, hospitals, nursing homes, and long term care facilities.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Obtained a denial of class certification, in favor of gas company, over Plaintiff's attempt to certify a class for purposes of obtaining a bright-line ruling from a West Virginia court regarding coalbed methane ownership and entitlement to escrowed royalties

Tried multiple cases to verdict for doctors, hospitals, dentists, and chiropractors

Coordinated and directed internal investigation of slurry impoundment failure with fatality and defending resulting death claim

Defended multiple cases alleging injury and/or death underground

Defended and tried trespass actions

Represented a national trucking company at trial in a case where its driver tipped his tractor trailer onto a car crushing it and trapping one of the occupants in the vehicle. Liability conceded and defended on damages. Punitive damages were claimed based on spoliation of evidence and alleged improper industry practices. No punitives awarded.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1990 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Peer Review Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell

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Best Lawyers® 2020 Lawyer of the Year, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

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Super Lawyers® 2012-2014, 2017-2020
West Virginia Hospital Association