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**LICENSURE** WV  
**EDUCATION** J.D. West Virginia University

Chelsea Prince's least favorite phrase is "that's the way we've always done it." Chelsea is known by her clients, colleagues, and opposing counsel as someone who breaks the mold, always looking beyond the facts of the case to creatively and ethically defend her clients. Chelsea represents hospitals, employed physicians, and health systems in litigation involving allegations of medical malpractice. Chelsea is the lawyer you want on your team when your situation is stressful, uncertain, or intimidating. Whether it is the client's first experience with litigation or not, Chelsea understands that the rigors of litigation can be daunting, and she prioritizes effective communication to make certain that her clients are informed about all aspects of their case, including creative solutions to end the litigation.

At the root of Chelsea's practice is a deep-seated need to help clients through what is likely the toughest time they will ever face. The combination of a kind heart and a creative, razor sharp mind gives Chelsea the winning recipe for her clients' success.

Chelsea is an avid learner and is always building her arsenal to improve her medical knowledge, litigation strategy, and communication skills. In her free time, Chelsea enjoys reading police procedurals and hiking with her husband and their two dogs, Rosie and Annie.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Pre-suit defense of a wrongful death claim alleging improper management of an abdominal aneurysm, which resulted in the claimant's counsel abandoning the claim after explanation of the medicine underlying the treatment

Secured early dismissal of claims of improper management of a psychiatric patient under the requirements of the Medical Professional Liability Act, which was affirmed on appeal by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

Defended a pro se prisoner complaint involving medical care rendered to a federal inmate, which was dismissed

Represented physician against charges of improper medication administration resulting in an adverse reaction in the patient

Defended claims of radiology error in interpreting diagnostic imaging

Successful resolution of a medical malpractice claim alleging negligent implantation of deep brain

stimulation for the treatment of Parkinson's disease

Defended against multiple actions alleging infant injury ranging from brachial plexus trauma, short-gut syndrome and death during labor and delivery

Successful resolution of a wrongful death claim brought against a Board of Education due to a fatal student stabbing on campus during a football game

Represented healthcare providers and entities in complex medical malpractice actions involving multiple healthcare providers

Defended professionals before licensing boards regarding claims of professional malpractice and other disciplinary complaints

Represented university against allegations of wrongful death resulting from student overdose in dormitory facility

Defended insurers against claims of unfair trade practices, common law bad faith, and underinsured motorist benefits

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2010	Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
2009-2010	Summer Associate, Steptoe & Johnson
2009-2010	Tutor, WVU College of Law
2008	West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals
2007-2008	Graduate Assistant, WVU Student Organization Services

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Who Bears the Costs of Cyber Attacks?

First Look - 2014 Issue 2 - The Hits Just Keep On Comin': Coverage Issues Arising From Business Torts and Intellectual Property Claims

First Look - 2015 Issue 1 - Coverage Issues in Toxic Tort Claims: Avoiding Being "Mangled Up in Tangled Up Knots"

First Look - 2015 Issue 2 - What a Tangled Web We Weave: Untangling Sticky Coverage Issues Resulting from Cyber Liability Claims

First Look - 2015 Issue 3 - Small Business Owners: Insuring the Innovative Industries

First Look - 2016

First Look - Fall 2017

First Look - Spring Issue 2018

Horizontal and Vertical Exhaustion in Toxic Torts Claims: The Bottom Line

Pre-Examination Intake by Medical Assistant Constitutes "Health Care" Invoking the MPLA

The Best Defense is a Good Offense When it Comes to the Medical Professional Liability Act

Webcast - "Healthcare Cybersecurity - When an Attack Happens, How Will You Respond?"

West Virginia Court Applies Policy Language To Deny Shared Aggregate Limits

West Virginia Supreme Court Clarifies Application of Landlords' Homeowner's Insurance Policy to Tenant's Insurable Interest  
WV DOI Clarifies Requirements for Issuing Delay Letters  
WVSCA Addresses Insurers' Duties Upon Death, Separation, or Divorce of Named Insured and Spouse  
WVSCA Affirms Sufficiency of Pre-Suit Certificate of Merit  
WVSCA Rules Advance Payments By Insurer Shall Be Credited Against Subsequent Judgment

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

Member, West Virginia Law Review, Volume 112 No. 1-3, 2009-2010  
Notes and Articles Editor, West Virginia Law Review  
Best Student Note, "Not Your Mother's Remedy: A Civil Action Response to the Westboro Baptist Church's Military Funeral Demonstrations" 2009-2010  
Notes and Articles Selection Editor, West Virginia Law Review  
CALI Award - Appellate Advocacy  
CALI Award - Legal Research and Writing  
CALI Award - Constitutional Law I and II  
CALI Award - Business Organizations  
CALI Award - Federal Courts  
CALI Award - Wealth Transfers  
CALI Award - Child Protection and The Law  
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Undergraduate, summa cum laude, West Virginia University

### **INDUSTRY/CIVIC**

Alumnus, Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women (WVU Chapter)  
Board of Directors, The Shack  
Leadership Monongalia (2014-2015)  
Leadership West Virginia (2017)  
Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia  
Defense Research Institute, Insurance Committee, Personal Lines Subcommittee