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Jace Goins has more than 20 years of courtroom experience with a litigation practice focused on health care, specifically, protecting the interests of physicians, long term care facilities and hospitals; HIPAA/health care privacy; medical device product liability; workplace injury; and governmental tort liability. In addition, Jace has experience with the West Virginia Mass Litigation Panel involving multi-year, complex toxic tort litigation with 100+ plaintiffs and multiple defendants. Jace manages every aspect of complex litigation from pre-suit due diligence through discovery and, finally, trial. He has tried numerous cases to verdict in both state and federal courts. His clients appreciate Jace's calm and steady demeanor as he helps them navigate complex disputes. His standing in the legal community has earned him Martindale-Hubbell's prestigious "AV" rating, which signifies that peers rank him at preeminent levels of legal ability and professional ethics. Jace was also named by Chambers USA as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in the area of health care litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

In 2019, obtained a defense jury verdict on behalf of a hospital accused of breach of contract and West Virginia Patient Safety Act violations in a southern West Virginia trial venue that has historically been challenging for corporate defendants

Obtained a defense jury verdict on behalf of a county school board accused of negligent supervision of students resulting in a fight and serious injuries to students on school property

Obtained summary judgment in complex civil litigation based upon qualified immunity and litigation privilege, on behalf of a West Virginia state agency accused of kidnapping a child

Defended medical device manufacturers in products liability matters, including in the areas of surgically implanted pain pumps, and in the vaginal mesh multi-district litigation

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a West Virginia state agency accused of conducting an improper adult protective services investigation in complex civil litigation based upon qualified immunity

Regularly represents attorneys accused of legal malpractice

WORK EXPERIENCE

1995 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

RECENT PUBLICATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

WV Supreme Court Broadly Applies Immunity to Certain State Employees

"Building a Defense for Your Healthcare Organization," Panel Discussion Member, West Virginia Society for Healthcare Risk Management Summer Conference, August 2020

Trends in West Virginia Medical Malpractice Litigation and 2019 Legislative Update, West Virginia Society for Healthcare Risk Management Spring Conference, June 2019

"The Times They Are A-Changin': Update on Recent West Virginia Legal Decisions Affecting Long Term Care Providers in Litigation," West Virginia Health Care Association Annual Meeting, May 2012

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

Peer Review Rated AV (Preeminent) by Martindale-Hubbell

Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business

The National Order of Barristers

Defense Research Institute

Drug and Medical Device Committee, Defense Research Institute

Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee, Defense Research Institute

Trial Tactics Committee, Defense Research Institute

Professional Liability Committee, Defense Research Institute

Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

Kanawha County (West Virginia) Bar Association

Chief Justice, West Virginia University School of Law Moot Court Board

Member of West Virginia University School of Law National Moot Court Team

1999 Graduate of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), Boulder, CO

INDUSTRY/CIVIC

Education Committee Member, West Virginia Society for Healthcare Risk Management

West Virginia Health Care Association

West Virginia Hospital Association

West Virginia University Alumni Association

Washington & Lee University Alumni Association

Leadership Charleston Alumni Association

Friends of Clay Center (Charleston, WV)

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity