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Jeffrey B. Brannon is the Managing Partner of the firm's West Virginia office. He concentrates his practice in workers' compensation defense matters.

After law school, Mr. Brannon was associated with R. Clark VanDervort practicing general civil litigation for more than a year. He then worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Employment Programs Litigation Unit representing the Workers' Compensation Commission. The majority of Mr. Brannon's work during this period involved defending claims for permanent total disability benefits.

Since 2001, Mr. Brannon has focused his practice exclusively on representing employers, both self-insured and subscribers, in the defense of their workers' compensation claims. As part of his client service mission, he has developed and provided training to claims adjusters for self-insured employers who self-administer their claims, as well as claims adjusters for private carriers and third-party administrators who administer West Virginia workers' compensation claims.

Mr. Brannon also continuously monitors the statutory and regulatory changes which affect the West Virginia workers' compensation system with the goal of keeping our clients informed of any and all changes which may affect their business. He regularly represents clients before the Offices of the Insurance Commissioner, the Board of Review, the Intermediate Court of Appeals and the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. In addition to litigation, Mr. Brannon has also represented self-insured employers, third-party administrators and private insurance carriers regarding various issues, including market conduct audits before the Offices of the Insurance Commissioner.

Mr. Brannon was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024, 2025 and 2026 for Workers' Compensation Defense. He is a member of the West Virginia State Bar Association and the West Virginia Defense Trial Counsel, where he previously served as the chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Substantive Committee.

He is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Brannon received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Charleston in 1994 and his J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law in 1998.

Mr. Brannon is a life-long resident of the Kanawha Valley. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia and lives in Pinch, West Virginia. He is a former member of the Putnam County Board of Zoning Appeals and previously served as the Treasurer of the Pinch Reunion Committee.

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