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John is an Officer in PennStuart's Bristol, Tennessee office and is a member of the firm's Workers' Compensation practice group. He lives in Kingsport with his wife and their two children. He enjoys spending time with his family and in the out-of-doors.

John's practice is focused on the defense of Federal Black Lung claims throughout the coal fields and beyond. He regularly advises employers and insurance claims representatives on complex issues of liability and exposure under the Federal Black Lung Act. He has extensive experience trying claims before the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Administrative Law Judges and is proficient in appeals to the Benefits Review Board and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Third, Fourth, and Sixth Circuits.

Prior to joining PennStuart, John served as law clerk to Hon. Glen M. Williams in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia and as intern to Hon. Elizabeth A. McClanahan in the Virginia Court of Appeals.

Representative Decisions

- Rose v. Trojan Mining & Processing, 25 BLR 1-91 (2012).
- Aberry Coal, Inc. v. Fleming, 847 F.3d 310 (6th Cir. 2017).

Practices

Litigation

- Federal Black Lung

Industry Experience

- Insurance

Education

- Catholic University of America
Columbus School of Law, 2004
- University of Virginia, 2001

Admissions

- Virginia, 2004
- Tennessee, 2005
- U.S. District Court for the
Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Sixth Circuit

Professional Activities

- Virginia State Bar
- Virginia Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys