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Rick is an Officer in PennStuart's Bristol, Tennessee office and is a member of the firm's Insurance Defense and Professional Liability practice group. A native of Bristol, Tennessee, Rick has represented clients in the TriCities and Southwest Virginia for more than 30 years.

As a trial and appellate attorney, Rick has tried numerous cases involving medical malpractice, professional liability, commercial law, railroad law, criminal law, and personal injury. In a recent two-year period, Rick served as counsel in cases involving judgments and settlements for his clients exceeding \$60 million. He also has extensive experience handling disputes involving product liability, wills, trusts, and estates, real estate, shareholder derivative actions, contracts, joint ventures, and class actions.

Rick has successively represented clients in appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court, the 4th and 6th Circuit U.S. Courts of Appeal, and the Appellate and Supreme Courts of Tennessee and Virginia. Rick is a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Mediator and has been involved in numerous arbitrations and mediations, both as counsel and as mediator. He also represents health care providers and lawyers before the Virginia Board of Medicine, the Tennessee Board of Health Professional Boards, and other regulatory boards.

Prior to joining PennStuart, Rick served on active duty in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. While in the Navy, he served as trial counsel (Special and General Courts Martial), Staff Judge Advocate (for two Naval Hospitals), and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney.

### Practices

Litigation

- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Litigation
- Business Torts
- Professional Liability
- Product Liability
- Insurance Defense & Coverage

### Industry Experience

- Insurance
- Health Care
- Real Estate
- Transportation
- Pharmaceuticals

### Education

- University of Tennessee College of Law, 1985
- University of Tennessee, *cum laude*, 1982
- Harvard Law School, mediation training, 1998
- Pepperdine University School of Law, mediation training, 2015

## Admissions

- Tennessee, 1985
- Virginia, 1999
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

## Honors & Distinctions

- Virginia Lawyers Weekly, Leaders in the Law
- Virginia Super Lawyers®
- Super Lawyers® (Corporate Counsel Edition)
- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Civility & Professionalism Award
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV Preeminent® (5/5)
- The Business Journal of the Tri-Cities
  - 40 Under Forty
- Defense Research Institute
  - Citation for Exceptional Performance
  - Robert M. Furniss, Jr. Award
- Richmond Magazine, *Top Attorneys in Virginia*
- Who's Who in Rising Young Americans
- Navy Commendation Medal
- Navy Achievement Medal
- Meritorious Unit Citation; Overseas Ribbon with Star; Expert Pistol Ribbon

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## **Professional Activities**

- Trustee, Marian B. Peoples Charitable Trust (The J. Hansel Peoples Wildlife Preserve), Bristol, Tennessee
- Tennessee Supreme Court
  - Hearing Committee, Board of Professional Responsibility
  - Rule 31 Mediator
  - Former member, Advisory Commission on Rules of Practice & Procedure
- Supreme Court of Virginia
  - Model Jury Instructions Committee
  - former member, Virginia Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee
- Virginia State Bar
  - former member, Judicial Nominations Committee
  - former Board of Governors member, Health Law Section
  - former member, Appellate Rules Advisory Committee
- Virginia Bar Association
  - Committee on Federal Judges
  - former member, The Boyd-Graves Conference
- Tennessee Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
  - former President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary
  - former Board of Directors member
  - former Chair and Vice Chair, Medical Malpractice Section
  - former Board of Editors member, The Journal of Civil Litigation