

## **Thomas J. Hurney, Jr.**

Thomas J. Hurney, Jr., has over thirty years of experience as a trial lawyer, handling a wide variety of civil actions involving serious personal injury and wrongful death. In 2014, he was given the first Defense Lawyer of the Year Award by the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia. Mr. Hurney previously led Jackson Kelly's Health Care and Finance Practice Group.

Mr. Hurney is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) and an Advocate of American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized in various peer publications, including *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Chambers USA - America's Leading Business Lawyers, 2013 BTI Client Service A Team and Benchmark Litigation, which noted he "has widely been recognized across the state for his trial practice". *Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup> has recognized him as a Top Ten West Virginia Lawyer since 2008, and their 2012 West Virginia magazine featured an article about Mr. Hurney and his grandmother, who received her law degree in 1938.

Mr. Hurney has handled and tried to verdict a wide variety of cases, including products liability, insurance bad faith, breach of contract and property law issues. Recent trials include defending an action for injunction involving the Clean Water Act, a case involving violation of privacy and several medical professional liability cases. He has significant experience defending industrial injury and "deliberate intention" actions, as well as environmental and commercial litigation.

Mr. Hurney's health care practice includes medical professional liability actions, as well as other health care litigation, including negligent credentialing and privileging, peer review and licensing issues and administrative investigations. He worked on the legislative reforms to the MPLA in both 2001 and 2003 and has written extensively on the topic, including three law review articles. In August 2014, he was presented with the The Robert L. Ghiz Award for Outstanding Service to the Physician Community of West Virginia for his work on legislative reform.

Mr. Hurney has an active appellate practice, appearing before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals over twenty times. He defended, on appeal, the constitutionality of medical malpractice "caps" in *McDonald v. City Hospital* and has appeared for parties and *amicus curiae* in a wide variety of health care, products liability and deliberate intention cases.

Mr. Hurney is active in various bar and state and national legal associations. He is Chair of the West Virginia State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is Vice President of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA) and a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and DRI. He is a past President of the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia, served on the Board of Governors of the West Virginia State Bar and on the Executive Committee of the Kanawha County Bar Association. For the State Bar, he has served on and chaired various bar committees, particularly its Continuing Legal Education Committee for which he chairs the Annual Litigation Seminar.