

## **Bryant J. Spann**

Bryant honed his trial skills as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, and he has been at home in the courtroom ever since. As a federal prosecutor, he successfully tried a wide variety of criminal cases to verdict, including a six-week trial culminating in the conviction of banking officials responsible for a half-billion-dollar bank failure.

Since Bryant returned to private practice in 2002, some of the country's largest manufacturers and financial institutions have entrusted him with the defense of their most challenging cases. For the last several years, Mr. Spann has served on 3M Company's national trial team in connection with its defense of mask, respirator, and asbestos cases. In this role, he has appeared in cases pending from Maryland to Hawaii. In cases involving life-threatening or fatal lung diseases, Bryant has secured defense verdicts for respirator manufacturers in Mississippi and Eastern Kentucky. In addition, Bryant frequently defends major lenders in West Virginia litigation involving consumer debt collection and mortgage lending.

Bryant has been ranked individually by Chambers & Partners since 2007. Bryant will serve on the faculty for the IADC Trial Academy in 2017. He is also a member of the The Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, having clerked for two of its members. Bryant graduated from Washington & Lee University (BA 1991) and the University of Georgia School of Law (JD 1995), where he served as Editor-In-Chief of the *Georgia Law Review*. He is licensed in West Virginia and Kentucky.