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Colton J. Koontz is an Associate practicing with the Construction, Health Care, and Energy industry groups, focusing primarily on general litigation. He practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

Colton earned his Juris Doctor from West Virginia University College of Law. Prior to that, he earned a Master of Science degree in biomedical sciences from West Virginia University and Bachelor of Science degrees in biochemistry and biotechnology from Marshall University.

In his down time, you'll likely find Colton and his family on a hiking trail somewhere.

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2020-Present)
- Justice Russell M. Clawges, Legal Intern (2018)

Practices

- Litigation

Industries

- Construction
- Energy
- Health Care

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2020)
 - CALI Award
 - Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing II
- West Virginia University (M.S. in Biomedical Sciences, 2016)
 - MD-PhD Training Program, Graduate Research Assistant (2012-2016)
- Marshall University (B.S. in Biochemistry and Biotechnology, 2012)
 - Marshall University Outstanding Graduating Chemist
 - Marshall University Outstanding Analytical Chemist
 - POLYED Undergraduate Award in Organic Chemistry
 - NSF-REU in Computational Chemistry, Participant

- NSF-REU in Biochemistry at the University of Kentucky, Participant

Admissions

- West Virginia (2020)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (2020)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2020)

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Publications

- Co-author with B. Cieply and S.M. Frisch, "CD44S-hyaluronan interactions protect cells resulting from EMT against anoikis," *Matrix Biol.* 2015 03/30; S0945-053X(15): 00093-1
- Co-author with J.B. Addison, J.H. Fugett, C.J. Creighton, D. Chen, M.K. Farrugia, R.R. Padon, M.A. Voronkova, S.L. McLaughlin, R.H. Livengood, C.C. Lin, J.M. Ruppert, E.N. Pugacheva, and A.V. Ivanov, "KAP1 promotes proliferation and metastatic progression of breast cancer cells," *Cancer Res.* 2015 01/15; 75(2): 344-55
- Co-author with L.M. Hellman, T.J. Spear, M. Melikishvili, and M.G. Fried, "Repair of O6-methylguanine adducts in human telomeric G-quadruplex DNA by O6-alkylguanine-DNA alkyltransferase," *Nucleic Acids Res.* 2014 07/30; 42(15): 9781-91