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John Mark Huff is Counsel in the Litigation Practice Group, focusing primarily on administrative law. He practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

John concentrates his practice in the areas of general, medical, and health care litigation. A substantial part of his practice involves the defense of doctors, nurses, hospitals, and other health care providers in actions brought under the West Virginia Medical Professional Liability Act (MPLA).

John enjoys many facets of his practice, but his favorite day-to-day tasks include taking and defending depositions and legal research and writing. He loves immersing himself in the facts of the case and quickly becomes an invaluable team player.

His ability to dedicate himself fully to the task at hand crosses over to how he spends his time outside of the office. When he isn't representing clients or researching for a case, John serves as a very active member of his community. You can find him on the football field or basketball court refereeing games throughout the area. His active lifestyle doesn't stop there; he is also a first-degree black belt in the American Taekwondo Association.

Whether he's refereeing or providing counsel for those in the medical field, John is always a dedicated team member and adds value to the Jackson Kelly team.

Awards

- *West Virginia Super Lawyers® Rising Star* - Personal Injury Medical Malpractice: Defense Law (2018-2019)
- *West Virginia Super Lawyers® Rising Star* (2014-2016)
- Executive Notes Editor, Volume 111 of the *West Virginia Law Review*
- Associate Editor, Volume 110 of the *West Virginia Law Review*

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (January 2026-Present)
- Hamlin & Burton Liability Management, Altamonte Springs, Florida (2023-2025)
- Jackson Kelly PLLC (2015-2023)
- Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC (2010-2015)
- Dinsmore & Shohl LLP (2009-2010)

Practices

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Litigation

Industries

- Health Care

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 2009)
- Marshall University (M.A. in Secondary Education, 2002)
- Marshall University (B.A. in Political Science, 2000)

Admissions

- West Virginia (2009)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia (2009)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2009)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (2009)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (2009)

Professional Organizations

- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, "Has the Standard of Care for Post-Acute and Long Term Care Changed in the Wake of COVID-19?," American Health Law Association (AHLA), 2023 Long Term and Post-Acute Care Law and Compliance Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 1-3, 2023
- "Treating by Telemedicine: More than Just Picking Up the Phone and Calling-in a Prescription," West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Live Summer Seminar, June 13, 2021
- "Treating by Telemedicine: More than Just Picking Up the Phone and Calling-in a Prescription," Zoom Presentation for MD Liaison Services, Inc., Feb. 11, 2021
- "HIPAA and Social Media," Zoom Presentation for MD Liaison Services, Inc., on Feb. 11, 2021
- "Risk Management," West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Online Summer Seminar Series, Aug. 19, 2020
- "Treating by Telemedicine: More than Just Picking Up the Phone and Calling-in a Prescription," West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's Online Summer Seminar Series, July 30, 2020

- "Not Your Father's Healthcare: Telehealth in a Pandemic and Beyond," Co-presenter, Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia Webinar, May 19, 2020
- "Charting Skills," Panelist for Charleston Area Medical Center's Emergency Department Residency Program's "Charting Skills" Workshop Video-Conference (included mock deposition of a senior resident), May 13, 2020
- "HIPAA, Social Media, and Risk Management," MD Liaison Services, Inc.'s, Education and Training for Office Staff, South Charleston, West Virginia, Nov. 7, 2019
- "HIPAA, Social Media, and Risk Management," MD Liaison Services, Inc.'s, Education and Training for Office Staff, Johnson City, Tennessee, Aug. 8, 2019
- "Who Makes Decisions for the Patient When the Patient Can't?," West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and University of Charleston's Physician Assistant Program Inter-Professional Education Day, University of Charleston, Charleston, West Virginia, May 17, 2019
- "Medical Malpractice Basics," MD Liaison Services, Inc.'s, Charleston, WV Insurance Network Meeting, South Charleston, West Virginia, Nov. 1, 2018
- "Legislative Update 2018," West Virginia Continuing Legal Education Update on the Law Seminar, Morgantown, West Virginia, Oct. 25, 2018
- "Legislative Update 2018," Mountain State Education's Update on the Law 2018 Seminar, Huntington, West Virginia, April 25, 2018
- "The World of Medical Malpractice," CAMC Pediatric Grand Rounds, Charleston, West Virginia, Dec. 1, 2017
- "HIPAA and Social Media," MD Liaison Services, Inc.'s, Education and Training for Office Staff, South Charleston, West Virginia, Nov. 9, 2017
- "Risk Management," MD Liaison Services, Inc.'s, Education and Training for Office Staff, South Charleston, West Virginia, Nov. 9, 2017
- "Maintaining Ethics in an Information Driven Society," Legal Assistants/Paralegals of Southern West Virginia 12th Annual Seminar and Meeting, Barboursville, West Virginia, June 10, 2016
- "2015 Healthcare Tort Reform & Legislative Update," West Virginia Continuing Legal Education Winter Meeting, Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, West Virginia, Feb. 5, 2016
- "2015 Healthcare Tort Reform & Legislative Update," Mountaineer CLE Series: Healthcare Law Seminar, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, West Virginia, Sept. 11-12, 2015

Publications

- Warrantless Entries and Searches Under Exigent Circumstances: Why Are They Justified and What Types of Circumstances Are Considered Exigent?, 87 *U. DET. MERCY L. REV.* 373 (2010)
- Chop it Up or Sell it Off: An Examination of the Evolution of West Virginia's Partition Statute, 111 *W. VA. L. REV.* 169 (2008)

Community

- AWANA T&T Program Leader - Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church (2020-Present)
- Kanawha Valley Football Officials Association (2019-Present)
- West Virginia Southern Board of Approved Basketball Officials (2019-Present)
- Hurricane Youth Football League, Assistant Coach (2015-2017)
- Highway & Hedges Bus Ministry - Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church (2014-2020)
- Upward Soccer Coach (2014-2015)
- Upward Basketball Coach (2013-2014)