



MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DEFENSE

Our attorneys have tried more medical malpractice/hospital liability cases on behalf of West Virginia hospitals and doctors than any other law firm in the state. We understand that few experiences in an individual's professional career can be as overwhelming as a medical malpractice lawsuit. These cases remain among the most complex and challenging matters in litigation. We possess the experience, professionalism and talent to bring about the most favorable outcomes for our physician and hospital clients.

Flaherty's team of attorneys, legal assistants, and registered nurse consultants are devoted to serving as advocates for health care professionals. We have tried scores of cases successfully to verdict and possess extensive medical knowledge, allowing us to identify your issue and plan the most successful strategy quickly.

In addition, we have gathered an extensive medical library, and we can efficiently select leading medical experts to bolster our defense and ensure that litigation concerns are appropriately balanced with our clients' long-term business goals.

NOTEWORTHY

Ted Martin and Amy Rothman Malone Obtain Defense Verdict in Medical Liability Case

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Harrison County Jury Rules in Favor of Diagnostic Radiologist in a Medical Professional Liability Claim



Wood County Jury Rules in favor of a local neurosurgeon in a medical professional liability claim



Defense Verdict Obtained in Kanawha County

Bluefield Regional Medical Center Awarded Summary Judgment in Federal Court



Summary Judgement in Doctor's Favor Affirmed by Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia



Defense Verdict Obtained in Wood County

INSIGHTS

June 2023

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO RECOGNIZED BY CHAMBERS USA 2023

Flaherty has been recognized in the 2023 edition of Chambers USA, with two practice areas and six attorneys cited for excellence.

Chambers' rankings are the definitive mark of excellence across the legal industry. A ranking from Chambers demonstrates that a firm and its attorneys have stood ...

April 2023

15 FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that 15 of the firm's attorneys have been named to the 2023 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

No more than 5 percent of a state's lawyers are named to the Super Lawyers list, with just 2.5 percent of a state's ...

December 2022

HARRISON COUNTY JURY RULES IN FAVOR OF DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGIST IN A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY CLAIM

A Harrison County jury recently found against the plaintiffs (husband and wife) in favor of a diagnostic radiologist in a medical professional liability claim. After a six-day trial, the jury found that the radiologist did not deviate from the applicable standard of care in evaluating a ...

November 2022

FLAHERTY RANKED AMONG U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS “BEST LAW FIRMS”

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that the firm received first-tier rankings in 17 practice areas across two metropolitan areas, Charleston and Morgantown, West Virginia, in the 2023 edition of U.S. News-Best Lawyers “Best Law Firms” Rankings.

Firms are ...

October 2022

FLAHERTY WELCOMES ASSOCIATE ELIZABETH L. KING

Flaherty is pleased to welcome Elizabeth L. King to the firm’s Charleston office. Elizabeth is a member of our healthcare law practice group. She has focused her practice on providing legal counsel to various healthcare clients, including hospitals, private practices, physicians, and ...

August 2022

28 FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY BEST LAWYERS®

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that 28 of the firm’s attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2023 edition of The Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.

Additionally, six attorneys were named Best Lawyers 2023 Lawyer of the Year. Only one ...

August 2022

FLAHERTY WELCOMES ATTORNEY EMILY L. LILLY

Flaherty is pleased to announce that attorney Emily L. Lilly has joined the firm’s healthcare practice group.

“One of the most rewarding aspects of my practice is when I can help someone defend the care they provided to a patient.”

Emily brings nearly 15 years of legal experience to ...

June 2022

CHAMBERS USA RECOGNIZES FIVE FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS

Five Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso attorneys were recently ranked in the 2022 edition of Chambers USA.

- Michael Bonasso – Litigation: General Commercial (Senior Statesman)
- Robert L. Coffield – Healthcare

- Thomas V. Flaherty – Litigation: General Commercial (Senior Statesman)

May 2022

14 FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that 14 of the firm's attorneys have been named to the 2022 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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March 2022

FLAHERTY WELCOMES BACK ATTORNEY KIERSAN S. LOCKARD

Flaherty is pleased to announce that attorney, Kiersan S. Lockard, has returned to the firm.

Kiersan Lockard initially joined the Charleston office in 2011 and was recently welcomed back. As a member of our healthcare law practice group, Kiersan has focused her practice on providing legal ...

February 2022

PLEDGER V. LYNCH - FAILING TO PROVIDE A SCREENING CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NOT GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL IN FEDERAL COURT

By Amy R. Humphreys and Morgan E. Villers, as published in The DTCWV Defender (Winter Edition 2022)

Medical malpractice defense practitioners beware when defending Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) cases for medical negligence. According to the latest holdings of the Fourth Circuit, a ...

November 4, 2021

FLAHERTY RANKED AMONG U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS "BEST LAW FIRMS"

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that the firm received first-tier rankings in 16 practice areas across two metropolitan areas, Charleston and Morgantown, West Virginia, in the 2022 edition of U.S. News-Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" Rankings.

Firms are ...

August 2021

TWENTY-EIGHT FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY BEST LAWYERS®

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that twenty-eight of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® or *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

Additionally, Sam Fox was named *Best Lawyers* 2022 Lawyer of the Year ...

May 2021

CHAMBERS USA RECOGNIZES FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS

Five Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso attorneys were recently ranked in the 2021 edition of Chambers USA.

Michael Bonasso – Litigation: General Commercial (Senior Statesman)

Robert L. Coffield – Corporate/Commercial: Healthcare

Thomas V. Flaherty – Litigation: General ...

May 2021

16 FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that 16 of the firm's attorneys have been named to the 2021 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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January 2021

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ANNOUNCES NEWEST MEMBERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that John McCartney, Shereen Compton McDaniel and Jason Proctor have been elected Member, effective January 1, 2021.

John McCartney joined the firm in 2014. His practice focuses on business and commercial litigation, insurance ...

November 2020

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO RANKED AMONG U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS "BEST LAW FIRMS."

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Firms are recognized for ...

August 2020

THIRTY FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY BEST LAWYERS®

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that thirty of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® or *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*.

Additionally, three Flaherty attorneys were named as *Best Lawyers 2021* Lawyers of the ...

April 2020

NEW SECTIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA CODE RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

Alert by **David Givens**

West Virginia House Bill 4003 passed on March 7, 2020, adding new sections to the West Virginia Code relating to telehealth. These sections require health insurance coverage for certain telehealth services provided after July 1, 2020, and direct health care boards to ...

April 2020

TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY CHANGES TO MEDICARE'S PAYMENT OF VIRTUAL SERVICES

Alert by **David Givens**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expanding access to telehealth services on a temporary and emergency basis retroactive to March 1, 2020. Telehealth, or Telemedicine, refers to the exchange of medical information from one site to another through ...

April 2020

CHAMBERS USA RECOGNIZES FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO AS "TOP RANKED"

The 2020 edition of Chambers USA recognizes Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso as "Top Ranked" for **General Commercial Litigation**.

"The team is known for a deep bench serving national and multinational companies from the manufacturing, healthcare and automotive sectors with noted ...

April 2020

17 FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that 17 of the firm's attorneys have been named to the 2020 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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March 2020

W.VA. BOARD OF MEDICINE AND W.VA. BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY PERMITS

Alert By **Shereen Compton McDaniel**

To streamline the process for out-of-state or retired practitioners to provide vital health care services in West Virginia during the COVID-19 pandemic, both the West Virginia Board of Medicine and West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine have ...

November 2019

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO RANKED AMONG U.S NEWS AND WORLD REPORT "BEST LAW FIRMS"

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that the firm received first-tier rankings in 15 practice areas across two metropolitan areas, Charleston and Morgantown, West Virginia, in the latest edition of *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* 2020 "Best Law Firms" Rankings.

August 2019

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA® 2020

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is proud to announce that 21 of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2020 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Additionally, four Flaherty attorneys were named as *Best Lawyers®* 2020 Lawyers of the Year. Only one lawyer in each area ...

April 2019

CHAMBERS USA RECOGNIZES FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO AS "TOP RANKED"

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April 2019

19 FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY SUPER LAWYERS

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso is pleased to announce that 19 of the firm's attorneys have been named to the 2019 list of West Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

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October 2016

FLAHERTY ATTORNEYS AUTHOR ARTICLE ON THE EFFECT OF SENATE BILL 602 ON THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY ACT

Don R. Sensabaugh, Jr., Justin D. Jack, Luke T. Schmitt and Travis A. Prince's article titled "The Scope, Purpose, and Reasoning Behind Senate Bill 602" was published in *The West Virginia Medical Journal*, a clinical, peer-reviewed medical journal. The article delivers a brief ...