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MEMBER

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Alonzo Washington brings more than 20 years and a broad range of experience in litigation matters to our firm. Alonzo is a seasoned litigator with valuable experience in product litigation, commercial litigation, medical malpractice defense, construction, surety, maritime/admiralty and other complex litigation matters. His clients include regional, national and global manufacturers, with some in the Fortune 500.

What makes him excel? "The ability to boil down complex factual issues into simple stories and themes."

He regularly represents clients before all West Virginia Courts of record, Maryland Courts and the United States District Courts. He also has experience in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, Alonzo has successfully tried cases to juries and received verdicts in favor of his clients.

Outside of the courtroom, Alonzo enjoys time with his three children. He also likes to bike, hunt, fish and boat. As a former WVU football player, he also speaks to young college athletes about the importance of education and the balance between sports and studies.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
 - Products Liability Section, Vice-Chair (2019-2020)
 - Trial Tactics, Practice and Procedures Section, Vice-Chair (2019-2020)
- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Guest Speaker at Gateway Elementary School; Career Goal Setting (2021)

SERVICES

- Commercial
- Complex Tort and Product Liability
- Medical Malpractice Defense

EDUCATION

- J.D., West Virginia University College of Law (1999)
- B.S., Business Administration and Marketing, West Virginia University (1996)
- WVU Football Team (1992 – 1994)

ADMISSIONS

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

- Guest Speaker at West Virginia Junior College; How to Overcome Adversity and Achieve your Dreams (2020)
- Speaker to student-athletes at the college, high school and elementary level on the importance of academics in athletics
- Speaker to non-traditional, diverse and minority undergrad and high school students interested in attending law school
- Mentor to high school student-athletes interested in the legal profession
- Youth football coach

EXPERIENCE

Defense Verdict Obtained in Jefferson County
October 2017

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Burgess-Lester v. Ford Motor Co., 2007 WL 3088082 (N.D.W.Va. 2007)
- Holtzapfel v. Ford Motor Co., 2007 WL 2277412 (S.D.W.Va. 2007)
- Johnson v. Ford Motor Co., 2005 WL 2353469, (S.D.W.Va. 2005)
- Daniel v. Beaver, 300 F.Supp.2d 436, (S.D.W.Va. 2004)
- Fleeman v. Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., 288 F.Supp.2d 726, (S.D.W.Va. 2003)
- Ancora Capital and Management Group, LLC. v. Gray, 55 Fed.Appx. 111, (4th Cir. (Md.) 2003)

REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL WORK & TRIAL EXPERIENCE

- Represented a domestic automobile manufacturer in a case involving an alleged airbag burn; Trial to verdict
- Represented a domestic automobile manufacturer in a case involving an alleged stability and handling defect; Trial to verdict
- Represented a surgeon accused in a retained instrument case where the claimant was seeking a permanent total disability award; Trial to verdict
- Represented a domestic automobile manufacturer in a case involving an alleged vehicle fire
- Represented before the 4th Circuit the vice-president of a national mail sorting company in an employment contract dispute concerning a non-compete clause alleging negligence and breach of contract

- Maryland Court of Appeals

- Represented a national construction firm in a commercial suit pertaining to the theft of construction equipment
- Represented a national marine transportation company in a case involving a capsized barge

TEACHING & LECTURING

- Lecturer: "Evolution of Expert Witnesses: From Retention to Presentation at Trial", West Virginia University College of Law Litigation Seminar (February 2020)
- Lecturer: "Deposition Techniques", Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia 2015 Deposition Boot Camp (October 2015)
- Moderator: "An Introduction to Diversity", Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Conference (September 2015)
- Lecturer: "Personal Injury Case Management for Seasoned Litigators", National Business Institute (January 2007)

INSIGHTS

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 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 ...

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 ...

October 2019

ALONZO WASHINGTON APPOINTED AS VICE-CHAIR TO FDCC SECTIONS

Alonzo Washington was recently appointed by The Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) to serve as Vice-Chair of both the Products Liability Section and Trial Tactics, Practice and Procedures Section for the 2019-2020 year commencing October 1, 2019.

The FDCC is composed of ...

February 2017

THE VALUE OF DIVERSITY: A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

By Alonzo Washington, as published in the FDCC Federation Flyer

1/31/17

Companies spend money, time, and energy on workplace diversity initiatives. To achieve workforce diversity, a company may hire consultants, attend seminars, and participate in round table discussions – but why?

December 2016

A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO NARROWING THE SCOPE OF OTHER INCIDENT DISCOVERY REQUESTS TO GET THE RESULT YOU WANT

By Alonzo D. Washington, as published on FDCC Blog

12/5/2016

Every product manufacturer and seasoned litigator has been faced with the task of responding to overly broad and unduly burdensome “other incident” discovery requests in product liability matters.

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November 2016

ALONZO WASHINGTON HONORED WITH THE PETER PERLMAN SERVICE AWARD

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that Member Alonzo Washington has been named a recipient of the Peter Perlman Service Award. The award recognizes Litigation Counsel of America Fellows who contribute in meaningful ways to society by giving back their time and ...

March 2015

ALONZO WASHINGTON ELECTED TO THE FEDERATION OF DEFENSE & CORPORATE COUNSEL

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that Alonzo Washington was elected into membership of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel.

Alonzo is a Member of the firm’s Morgantown office. His practice involves a broad range of litigation matters, with special ...

HONORS & AWARDS

- AV Preeminent® Peer-Review Rated by Martindale-Hubble®
- Litigation Counsel of America, Peter Perlman Service Award Recipient
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2021 - 2023)
 - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2021 - 2023)
 - 2023 - Lawyer of the Year - Morgantown, WV - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
 - 2023 - Lawyer of the Year - Morgantown, WV - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

PRACTICE CONCENTRATIONS

- Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Automotive Warranty
- Commercial & General Litigation
- Contract Law
- Medical Malpractice
- Product Liability
- Subrogation
- Surety