



CHRISTOPHER A. BRUMLEY

MEMBER

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A 25-year veteran of the law, Chris Brumley focuses on the complex representation of businesses in the Energy and Construction industry. He has significant know-how in coal operations, Oil & Gas industry, construction and industrial contract litigation, commercial transactions, licensure, and industrial accidents. With a degree in Petroleum Engineering and M.B.A., Chris is uniquely positioned to offer advice in business and natural resource matters.

Smart, strategic thinking, and effective defense strategy make Chris' clients feel comfortable in the toughest situations. "I believe what makes me and our firm's practice stand out is a unique understanding of our client's business. It's what allows us to be most effective in offering counsel."

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia (DTCWV)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Energy and Mineral Law Foundation
- Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV)
- Kanawha County Bar Association (Officer)
- Metallurgical Coal Producers Association
- West Virginia Bar Association
- West Virginia Coal Association

SERVICES

- Commercial
- Construction Law
- Deliberate Intent
- Government Relations
- Professional Liability
- Regulatory
- Transportation

EDUCATION

- J.D., West Virginia University College of Law (1998)
- M.B.A., West Virginia University (1991)
- B.S., Petroleum Engineering, Marietta College (1989)

ADMISSIONS

- West Virginia
- Kentucky
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court
- United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia

EXPERIENCE

Counsel to Mohegan Energy Trustees in \$100 Million Strategic Partnership with Orion Energy Partners
May 2018

REPORTED CASES

- Frye v. Boxley Aggregates of West Virginia, L.L.C., 2006 WL 1789016 (S.D.W. Va. Jun 27, 2006)
- McCormick v. Walmart Stores, 600 S.E.2d 576 (W.Va. May 07, 2004)
- Deskins v. S.W. Jack Drilling Co., 600 S.E.2d 237 (W.Va. Feb 19, 2004)
- VICA Coal Co., Inc. v. Crosby, 212 F.R.D. 498 (S.D.W.Va. Jan 28, 2003)

REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL WORK

- Involved in hundreds of cases related to employer liability injury cases, and provided comment for proposed legislative revisions to West Virginia's deliberate intent law
- Represented oil and gas companies in negligence and deliberate intent suits, including several fatalities
- Represented mining companies in severe injury and death cases in deep mine, surface mine and preparation plant cases
- Represented product manufacturers in product liability and warning suits related to the construction, mining and oil & gas industries
- Represented coal trucking company in defense of claim involving deaths in head-on collision
- Represented mining company and contractors in regulatory defense of matters filed by MSHA and OSHA
- Represented construction employer regarding a major injury to its employee during his work
- Represented an oil & gas drilling company for an employee injury
- Represented surface mine employer who was alleged to have deliberately injured its employee
- Represented a quarry for alleged blasting damage to adjacent homeowner
- Represented an insurance agency for alleged negligent services to an insurance client

- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

- Represented stock broker that allegedly gave inappropriate financial advice
- Represented an engineering firm for alleged professional negligence of a site design
- Represented health facility for alleged deliberate injury of employee
- Represented a lumber company on alleged negligence of equipment operators
- Represented a mining construction entity before MSHA and the WVMSHT
- Represented a surface coal mine for alleged flood damage
- Represented several claims in the coal, oil & gas and construction industries involving severe injuries and deaths

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 Year* ...

March 2020

MOONLIGHTING WHILE ON FMLA LEAVE: HOW EMPLOYERS CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES

On Wednesday, March 26, 2020, President Donald Trump signed an emergency bill to expand the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) as part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. This bill takes effect on April 1, 2020, and is set to expire on December 31, 2020. However, as the FMLA is ...

March 2020

FEDERAL PASSAGE OF THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT & IMPACT ON WEST VIRGINIA BUSINESSES

Flaherty is here for you in the face of unprecedented actions taken to combat COVID-19. Please reach out to **Chris Brumley** at 304.347.4254 or cbrumley@flahertylegal.com if you have questions or concerns about how these new requirements may impact your business or employees.

The Families ...

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 ...

August 2018

FLAHERTY SENSABAUGH BONASSO ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED BY THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA© 2019

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is proud to announce that 22 of the firm's attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2019 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Additionally, three Flaherty attorneys were named as *Best Lawyers®* 2019 Lawyers of the Year. Only one lawyer in each ...

HONORS & AWARDS

- AV Preeminent® Peer-Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbe®
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*©
 - Commercial Litigation (2019 - 2023)
 - Litigation – Construction (2018 - 2023)
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2016 - 2023)

PRACTICE CONCENTRATIONS

- Workplace Liability
- Natural Resources Law (Oil & Gas, Coal, Timber)
- Regulatory Litigation (OSHA, MSHA, WVMHST)
- Deliberate Intent (Employer Liability for Employee Injuries)
- Construction Law

- Architecture and Engineering Liability
- Product Liability
- Maritime Law