



## DON R. SENSABAUGH, JR.

OF COUNSEL

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One of the firm's founding members, Don Sensabaugh, has tried approximately one hundred medical malpractice cases. He puts more than 40 years of skill, medical knowledge and passion into every case he works.

"I've won more than 90% of the cases I've tried and achieved countless favorable settlements for my clients due to my reputation for not being afraid to try difficult cases."

In addition to defending physicians and healthcare facilities, Don has lobbied for healthcare litigation reform for the past 25 years. He was one of the primary lobbyists to secure civil justice reforms in West Virginia that have enabled West Virginia physicians to practice medicine in a more secure environment. As a result, he was awarded the Robert I. Ghiz, MD award for outstanding service to the Physician Community of West Virginia at the 2014 West Virginia State Medical Association meeting.

"One of the most rewarding things in my work at the firm is seeing justice done when juries do the right thing."

Outside the courtroom, Don enjoys biking, boating and spending time with his four children and grandchild. He's also a huge WVU basketball fan and can be found at most games.

### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia
- Kanawha County Bar Association
- West Virginia State Bar
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

### SERVICES

Healthcare Regulatory,  
Transactions & Compliance

Medical Malpractice Defense

### EDUCATION

- J. D., West Virginia University College of Law (1976)
- B.S., West Virginia University, Political Science (1973)

### ADMISSIONS

- West Virginia (1976)
- West Virginia State Courts
- United States District Courts for both the Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

## INSIGHTS

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

### **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.

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 lawyers ...

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"**

The 2019 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," noted ...

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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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 ...

May 2018

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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 ...

August 2015

## **DON R. SENSABAUGH, JR. NAMED FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION**

Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso PLLC is pleased to announce that Don Sensabaugh has been inducted into fellowship of the American Bar Foundation. Sensabaugh will join fellow founding member, Tom Flaherty in this elite group.

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation is an honorary ...

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Recipient of the 2014 Robert L. Ghiz Award

- Listed, Chambers USA, Litigation: Healthcare ( 2004 - 2019)
- Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation (2016 - 2020)
- Listed, West Virginia Super Lawyers (2007 - 2020)
- AV Preeminent® Peer-Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2001
  - Litigation – Healthcare (2015 - 2021)
  - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2011 - 2021)
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2011 - 2021)
  - 2020 - Lawyer of the Year - Charleston, WV - Litigation - Health Care
  - 2017 - Lawyer of the Year - Charleston, WV - Litigation - Health Care
  - 2015 - Lawyer of the Year - Charleston, WV - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
  - 2013 - Lawyer of the Year - Charleston, WV - Medical Malpractice Litigation - Defendants
- Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers

## **ADDITIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- Member, Flaherty Sensabaugh Bonasso (1991 - Present)
- Associate & Partner, Kay, Casto, Chaney, Love & Wise, and its predecessor partnership, Kay, Casto & Chaney (1976 - 1991)