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Donald R. McMinn litigates a variety of complex civil matters, with a current focus on pharmaceutical products liability and insurance coverage litigation.

Mr. McMinn has considerable experience defending Firm clients involved in MDL proceedings, from the time of the decision to petition for MDL status through the multi-month trial and settlement of "bellwether" plaintiffs. He leads both Firm attorney teams and local counsel teams in implementing a unified and consistent strategy across multiple jurisdictions in which simultaneous discovery is proceeding. He conducts depositions, develops expert testimony concerning causation and damages issues, and engages in motion practice and oral argument to eliminate opponents' causation experts on *Daubert* grounds.

Mr. McMinn works extensively on behalf of policyholders seeking to maximize coverage. In doing so, he has developed strong relationships with specialized accounting consultants and has significant experience in the use of sophisticated computerized allocation models. He represents clients involved in litigation of issues arising out of overlapping coverage, including the application of other-insurance clauses and the impact *vel non* on the insured of the contribution and subrogation claims of one of its insurers against another. He advises clients with respect to coverage issues arising out of product liability claims, workplace exposure to noise and hazardous substances, and environmental matters.

Mr. McMinn regularly speaks to groups of policyholders and lawyers concerning insurance topics, including managing the insured-insurer relationship and securing defense costs in the event of a conflict between an insured and its insurers. He has served on the editorial board of the *Insurance Coverage Law Bulletin* since 2009 and he is an Adjunct Professor of Law, teaching insurance law at The George Washington University Law School.

During law school, Mr. McMinn served as a Note & Comment Editor for the *New York University Law Review*. After law school, he clerked for Chief Judge Manuel L. Real of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Mr. McMinn is named in the 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers* for Insurance Law and Litigation-Insurance, and in the 2021 edition of *Super Lawyers* for Insurance Coverage. He is recognized as a 2021 AV Preeminent Lawyer by ALM Media and Martindale-Hubbell.

Litigation

Common Carrier Liability

Complex Litigation

Insurance

Pharmaceutical Products

Toxic Torts & Products Liability

Education

Swarthmore College (B.A., 1986, *with high honors*)

New York University School of Law (J.D., 1990, *cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*)

Admissions

District of Columbia

United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, and District of Columbia Circuits

United States District Court for the District of Columbia