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John McGhee (Johnny) is a member of the law firm Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC in Charleston and focuses his practice of law in the areas of insurance defense, products/premises liability defense, deliberate intent cases, and public utility law.

Mr. McGhee graduated cum laude from Hampden-Sydney College in 1986 with a bachelor's degree, and he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa. He received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1989 and is a member of the Order of the Coif. Mr. McGhee was co-editor of the National Coal Issue of the West Virginia Law Review. He was admitted to practice law in West Virginia in 1989 and in Kentucky in 1997.

Mr. McGhee is a past-president of the West Virginia State Bar and a former lawyer representative for the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia for Criminal Justice Act Attorneys.

Mr. McGhee is a member and former board member of the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia and a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC).

Mr. McGhee's achievements include being listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America[®] for insurance law, and in the 2013 West Virginia Super Lawyers in the category of personal injury defense and since 2022 in the category of utility law. He has also earned an AV "Preeminent" rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

In the community, Mr. McGhee serves as Immediate Past President of the board of the Buckskin Council of Scouting America and is currently serving as chair of the council's National Jamboree contingent planning committee. Previously, Mr. McGhee served as a vestry member and senior warden of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, and as chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia and is currently a trustee for the Diocese. He also serves as secretary/treasurer of the Daywood Foundation.