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John Hoblitzell is a member of the litigation and alternative dispute resolution practice groups, and he serves as chairman of the firm's litigation committee. Mr. Hoblitzell focuses primarily on civil litigation with an emphasis in products liability, construction, insurance bad faith, and wrongful discharge claims. He has also been involved in contested administrative proceedings before state agencies. Mr. Hoblitzell has repeatedly been named as one of *The Best Lawyers In America*, and in 2011, the editors of *Best Lawyers* named him as "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in the area of insurance law.

Mr. Hoblitzell graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in economics (1970), and received Doctor of Jurisprudence from the WVU College of Law (1973). He was a member of the West Virginia Law Review during that time. He is a former member of the WVU board of governors and a past president of the West Virginia University Alumni Association.

Mr. Hoblitzell practices in all of the state and federal courts in West Virginia, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth District. He has also appeared in matters in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Mr. Hoblitzell was a member of the West Virginia Legislature from 1985 to 1988 where he served as minority chair of the House Judiciary Committee. Before that, he was elected as a delegate to the 1976 Republican National Convention.

In 2000, Mr. Hoblitzell was appointed by the governor as a member of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and was selected as the first chairperson of the Commission for a two-year term. Mr. Hoblitzell was a member of the board of trustees of the University System of West Virginia from 1989 to 2000, also having been appointed by the governor. He served as chairman of the board of trustees from 1993 to 1995.

In addition to the West Virginia State Bar and the American Bar Association, Mr. Hoblitzell is a member of ABA/TIPS and the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia. He is also a member of the John A. Field, Jr. American Inn of Court.

An active member of the community, Mr. Hoblitzell served as the community representative on the board of directors of Carelink, Inc., a West Virginia based HMO (1996 - 1999). Additionally, Mr. Hoblitzell is chairman of the board of directors for Charleston Area Medical Center, Inc., and a member of the board of CAMC Health System where he serves on the finance and executive committees.