

**John R. McGhee, Jr.**

John McGhee is a member of the firm and focuses his practice of law in the areas of insurance defense, products/premises liability defense, deliberate intent cases, and insurance coverage, as well as in federal criminal defense work.

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.

Currently, Mr. McGhee is vice 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 frequent lecturer on topics related to insurance law, in addition to serving as a guest speaker at business institutes and legal conferences.

Mr. McGhee is a member and former board member of the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia, and an emeritus member of the John A. Field, Jr. American Inn of Court, and a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

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. He has also earned an AV "Preeminent" rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

In the community, Mr. McGhee serves as an executive board member of the Buckskin Council of the Boy Scouts of America as well as a Boy Scout Venture Area Advisor and is a former district commissioner of the Buckskin Council/BSA. Mr. McGhee was actively involved in the National Scout Jamboree (held for the first time at the Summit, the Boy Scouts of America's newest high adventure base located in Fayette County, W.Va.). 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. He currently serves on the Peterkin Committee for the Episcopal Diocese of WV. He also serves as a member of the Daywood Foundation, Church of Charleston, and as a member of the board of directors for the Charleston Ballet.