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Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Insurance Defense and Coverage
Health Care Litigation
Professional and Medical Liability Defense
Appellate
Education

Education

University of Arkansas School of Law
J.D. - (2005)

Texas Christian University
B.B.A. with honors - (2002)

Bar Admissions

Arkansas

Emily Runyon is a litigation and trial attorney who defends insurance carriers, corporations and health care institutions in personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice and bad faith lawsuits. Combining her years of experience as a litigator with her previous experience as an Arkansas Supreme Court clerk, Emily provides her clients with comprehensive counsel in litigation and insurance coverage matters. From the onset of any matter, Emily strives to understand her clients' business concerns to develop the best legal strategies to resolve disputes to achieve their overarching objectives. She advises insurance companies in the pre-suit investigation and resolution of a wide variety of insurance claims. She represents insurers in claims involving medical malpractice, personal injury and property claims. She also assists school districts across the state by conducting investigations into sensitive employment issues and/or student or parental concerns.

Experience

- Represented an insurer at the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit regarding a discovery and bad-faith dispute, in which Plaintiff/Appellant's appeal was denied after oral argument.
- Served as trial counsel in multiple premise liability matters with associated negligence claims, obtaining a voluntary dismissal in one such matter after expert depositions, obtaining an acceptance of a long-standing pre-trial offer in another after opening statements, and a defense verdict from the jury in another.
- Represented an insured through trial after a motor-vehicle accident, obtaining a defense verdict from the jury on the issue of liability.
- Served as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Arkansas Supreme Court for Justice Betty Dickey and Justice Paul Danielson
- Advises insurance carriers on first and third party claims.
- Provides strategic advice to insurance carriers concerning pre-litigation claims.

- Counsels insurance carriers on coverage issues.
- Defends insurance companies against breach of contract and bad faith lawsuits.
- Defends insurance policyholders against personal injury, premise and wrongful death lawsuits.
- Represents hospitals and physicians in medical-malpractice claims.
- Drafts, files and argues dispositive motions on behalf of insurance carriers and/or policyholders.
- Leads investigations on behalf of school districts across the state on a variety of complaints, both formal and informal

Professional Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2024)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2024)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2024)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Insurance Law (2016-2024)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Litigation - Insurance (2016-2024)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Education Law (2016-2024)
- *Best Lawyers*®: Insurance Law "Lawyer of the Year" (2023)

Involvement

- Arkansas Bar Association
- Board Trustees (2022-2023)
- Pulaski County Bar Association
- Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers
- Former President
- Defense Research Institute
- Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel
- Delta Delta Delta Alumni