



## R.T. Beard, III

### Of Counsel

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### Practice Areas

Insurance Defense and Coverage  
Professional and Medical Liability Defense  
Commercial Litigation

### Education

University of Arkansas  
BSBA - (1968)  
  
University of Arkansas School of Law  
J.D. - (1971)

### Bar Admissions

Arkansas

R.T. Beard, III is a member of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. Rick is an experienced trial attorney whose practice focuses primarily on the representation of insurance companies and self-insured corporations in all phases of civil litigation, including defense of medical malpractice claims, personal injury claims, products liability claims and legal malpractice.

### Experience

#### Professional Presentations

- DRI Nursing Home / ALF Litigation Seminar, "When the Civil Becomes the Un-Civil: Strategically Handling Incidents Within a Facility to Avoid Litigation." (2015)
- DRI Nursing Home / ALF Litigation Seminar, "Looking Beyond the Medical Chart". (2011)
- ProAssurance Defense Attorney Seminar, "Defending the Case Involving Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy." (2009)
- Ramsey, Krug, Farrell & Lensing Hospital Risk Management Seminar, "Never Events." (2009)
- DRI Nursing Home / ALF Litigation Seminar, "Obtaining the Jurors' Promise to Decide the Case Based on the Facts and Not on Emotion." (2009)
- CNA National LTC Counsel Meeting, "Records – What / Where / Evidentiary Issues / Spoliation." (2009)
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – LifeSkills Program, "The Words You Least Want to Hear During Your Medical Career." (2008)
- Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, "Dealing with Gross Pictures." (2008)
- CNA Long-Term Care Counsel Meeting, "So, You've Got a New Case. Now What?" (2007)
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – LifeSkills Program, "Malpractice – What It Is and How Not To Do It." (2006)
- CNA Long-Term Care Training Session, "Dealing with Gross Pictures." (2006)

- AICLE, “Top Verdicts and Settlements.” (1991)
- AICLE, “Disputed and Unresolved Issues in Medical Malpractice Litigation: Defendant’s View.” (1991)
- Arkansas Bar Association, “How to Conduct Two Hours of Devastatingly Effective Voir Dire in Five Minutes.” (1991)
- Bridging the Gap (Young Lawyers Section of the Arkansas Bar Association), “Trial Preparation.” (1989, 1990, 1991)
- Arkansas Institute for Continuing Legal Education (AICLE), “Failure in Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment: Discussion of Loss of ‘Significant Chance’ and Consideration in Analyzing a Cancer Malpractice Case.” (1989)

### Professional Recognition

- *Chambers USA Senior Statesman*: Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense in Arkansas (2021-2023)
- *Chambers USA*: Ranked in Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense in Arkansas (2015, 2017-2020)
- *Chambers USA*: Leading Business Lawyers (Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Commercial Litigation (2006-2021)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants (2011-2021)
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 1995
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers* Top 50 Arkansas (2018, 2019)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*: Personal Injury Medical Malpractice Defense (2006-2023)
- *Benchmark Litigation* - Medical Malpractice, Product Liability, Insurance, Local Litigation Star (2013-2015)
- BTI Client Service All-Star Team for Law Firms (2008)

### Involvement

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, American Academy of Trial Counsel
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Arkansas Association of Defense Counsel
- Editorial Board of Arkansas Law Review, (1970-71)
- Former Executive Council Member, American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division
- Associate Editor and Editor of The Affiliate, the national newsletter
- Member, Affiliate Outreach Team

- Arkansas Bar Association
- Former President Young Lawyers section
- Former Member House of Delegates
- Former Executive Committee Member
- Former Civil Procedure Committee Member