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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law, 1979

Hampden-Sydney College, 1976

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Virginia, 1979

North Carolina State Bar, 1997

United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 1980

United States Supreme Court, 1988

OVERVIEW

Bob Samuel is a firm shareholder who oversees all workers' compensation cases. He focuses his practice in the areas of personal injury and litigation.

Bob has handled more than 125 jury trials since he began representing clients in 1979, and has earned an outstanding reputation from his clients and peers. He routinely advises municipalities and businesses assessing the merits of workers' compensation and injury cases and the risks of defense. His practice focuses on complex personal injury matters on behalf of defendents and representation of inidivudals injured as a result of the negligence of others. Bob regularly appears before the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission and Circuit Courts in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Frequently asked to lead continuing legal education seminars and speak on the topics of workers' compensation and personal injury law, Bob also serves as a consultant for municipalities and third party administrators in workers' compensation cases.

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REPRESENTATIVE CASES & TRANSACTIONS

Represented municipality in $20 million litigation where the plaintiff suffered catastrophic injuries, alleged negligence and punitive damages arising out of a motor vehicle accident with a police officer.

Represented deputy sheriff in $625,000 personal injury case after he suffered severe injuries in a motor vehicle accident when responding to an emergency call with lights and sirens.

Represented development company and its president in $5 million litigation with former employer alleging breach of fiduciary duty in the purchase and development of land project.

Represented municipality in an occupational disease workers' compensation claim where the claimant alleged the need for a heart transplant arose from heart disease caused by his employment with the municipality.

Represented local transit company in million-dollar litigation brought by a passenger alleging post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent back impairment to his back due to injury on the transit bus.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Virginia Self Insurer's Association
- Workers' Compensation Inn of Court, Master of the Bench
- Chesapeake Bar Association
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association
- Virginia Beach Bar Association, Past President
- American Bar Association

HONORS & AWARDS

- AV® Preeminent™ Rated, Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™
- Best Lawyers in America - Personal Injury, 2011-2027, and Workers' Compensation, 2022-2027
- Virginia Super Lawyers 2014-2026
- Virginia's Legal Elite - Administrative/Government/Legislative, 2015-2025
- Coastal Virginia's Top Lawyers, Personal Injury 2016-2021, and Workers' Compensation, 2016-2026
- Virginia Beach Bar Association Professionalism Award, 2011

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Chairman