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## PROFILE

Mr. Mahaffey is a senior associate with the firm. His current practice concentrates on commercial litigation, securities litigation, wrongful death litigation, professional liability defense, and general insurance defense.

Mr. Mahaffey handles cases primarily before the United States District Courts for Maryland and the District of Columbia, the Circuit Courts of Maryland, the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, as well as mediations around the country. He is responsible for all aspects of case management, including the development of case strategy, selection of expert witnesses, taking and defending of expert and fact witness depositions, and preparation of pleadings and motions. He has obtained summary judgment on behalf of numerous clients and has directed numerous arbitrations, mediations, and assisted in jury trials resulting in defense verdicts.

In addition to his professional experience, Mr. Mahaffey has written numerous articles for a number of prominent law reviews on emerging issues concerning the legal profession.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### SECURITIES

Mr. Mahaffey has represented brokers, registered representatives, and broker-dealers in over two-dozen cases before the National Association of Securities Dealers up through and including final arbitration. These matters involved both common law claims and claims under the federal and state securities laws.

### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Mr. Mahaffey has represented professionals in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, including attorneys, physicians, psychologists, health care organizations, nursing homes, group homes, and real estate developers. Mr. Mahaffey has also written extensively about this area of the law.

### INSURANCE COVERAGE LITIGATION

Mr. Mahaffey has represented insurers in various complex insurance coverage litigation arising from asbestos bodily injury and asbestos property damage claims, environmental coverage disputes involving alleged contamination of soil and groundwater from leaking drums buried in the ground, and other disputes involving first and third party coverages, errors and omissions, intentional acts, personal injury and bodily injury claims.

### COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS TORT LITIGATION

Mr. Mahaffey has represented a variety of businesses in complex business tort litigation. Mr. Mahaffey has represented entities in matters concerned with allegations of tortious interference with economic relations and other business torts. Mr. Mahaffey has likewise handled other cases involving claims of defamation and tortious interference with contractual relations.

## WRONGFUL DEATH LITIGATION

Mr. Mahaffey has defended businesses in the District of Columbia and Maryland in various wrongful-death actions.

## GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS

Mr. Mahaffey has defended numerous insureds in a wide variety of claims arising from auto and truck collisions, premises-related injuries, construction claims, and intentional torts.

## PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION

Mr. Mahaffey also has substantial experience in the defense of product liability claims, defending manufacturers of construction equipment and commercial products against claims of negligence, strict liability and breach of warranty.

## PUBLICATIONS

Carroll v. Bentley: Failure To Report Child Abuse Can Be Considered Per Se Evidence Of Negligence, 29.2 U. Balt. L. F. 81 (2000);

Diep v. Rivas: Maryland's Slayer's Rule Cannot Prevent The Relatives Of A Murderer From Taking Under An Insurance Policy, 30.2 U. Balt. L. F. 64 (2000);

Role Duality And The Issue of Immunity For The Guardian Ad Litem In The District Of Columbia, University of Utah Journal Of Law And Family Studies, Volume 4, Number 2 (2002);

All For One And One For All? Legal Malpractice Arising From Joint Defense Consortiums And Agreements: The Final Frontier In Professional Liability, Arizona State Law Journal 1 (2003);

A Product Of Compromise: Or Why Non-Pecuniary Damages Should Not Be Recoverable Under Section 2605 Of The Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, University of Dayton Law Review, Volume 28, Number 3 (2003);

Cause-In-Fact And The Burden Of Proof In Transactional Legal Malpractice: The Necessity Of Demonstrating The Better Deal, Suffolk Law Review (2004) (reprinted in the Defense Law Journal (2005);

Taking Aim At The Hydra: Why The "Allied-Party Doctrine" Should Not Apply In Qui Tam Cases When The Government Declines To Intervene; University of Texas School of Law – The Review of Litigation (2004).

## EDUCATION

- University of Maryland College Park (B.A. 1996, honors in Major)  
Deans List, Golden Key National Honor Society
- University of Baltimore (J.D. 2000)  
Editor: University of Baltimore Law Forum.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Court of Appeals of Maryland, 2000;
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 2001;
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 2001;

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- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2001;
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 2001;
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2002;
- United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2004).

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Eccleston & Wolf, P.C., 2000-2004
- Wright, Robinson, Osthimer & Tatum, 2004

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Maryland State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association