



# DWAYNE E. CYRUS

## MEMBER / OWNER

### ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHY

Dwayne E. Cyrus joined Shuman McCuskey Slicer PLLC in May 1999 and became a member of the firm in January 2001. Mr. Cyrus's practice is focused in the areas of insurance coverage, agent errors and omissions, professional liability, public entity, and tort defense litigation.

Mr. Cyrus has over 30 years of experience handling insurance defense cases and claims, including coverage issues at both the trial and appellate levels. He previously served as Claims Legal Counsel for Nationwide Insurance Company for the southern region of West Virginia; in this position, he supervised cases involving insurance coverage issues and bad faith litigation. Mr. Cyrus has served as a lecturer for insurance claims personnel and agents on issues involved in the claims-handling process, including compliance with the Unfair Claims Practices Act. He previously served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Mercer County.

Mr. Cyrus has four sons and two granddaughters, and he is married to Lou Ann Cyrus, who is also a member of the firm.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- West Virginia, 1972
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, 1991

### EDUCATION

- J.D., West Virginia University College of Law
- B.B.A., cum laude, Economics, Marshall University

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil Rights Litigation
- Errors & Omissions Litigation
- General Litigation
- Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith
- Long-Term Care & Nursing Home Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Professional Liability

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

- Johnson v. Neal, 187 W.Va. 239, 418 S.E.2d 349 (1992)
- Harmon v. State Farm, 189 W.Va. 719, 434 S.E.2d 391 (1993)
- Lawson v. County Com'n of Mercer County, 199 W.Va. 77, 483 S.E.2d 78 (W.Va. 1996)
- King v. Heffernan, 214, W. Va. 853, 591 S.E.2d 761 (2003)
- Hess v. West Virginia Division of Corrections, 227 W.Va. 15, 705 S.E.2d 125(2011)
- Robertson v. Elliott, 315 Fed. Appx. 473 (Fourth Circuit) (2009)
- Crawford v. Hill, 120 S.Ct. 1686, 146 L.Ed. 493, 68 USLW 3655 (Cert Denied, 2000)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Kanawha County Bar Association (Member)
- Defense Research Institute
- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia