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Florida Coastal School of Law,
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Curriculum Vitae: R. Christopher Johnson

Chris Johnson is a highly experienced workers' compensation attorney handling insurance defense matters on behalf of employers, insurance companies and self-insureds. He also focuses his practice in subrogation litigation, creating and executing tailored defense strategies at trial and appellate levels.

Successfully representing Eastern Kentucky coal mining companies through Fortune 100 Companies, Chris utilizes his expertise defending leading retail and restaurant corporations, airlines, coal companies, home improvement product sales companies, products manufacturers, hospitals and hospital corporations, nursing home and assisted living facilities, and transportation and towing companies.

Chris places the needs of his clients as a top priority and demonstrates a proficiency in directing multiple on-going matters in a productive and cost-effective manner. He has received multiple judicial Opinions dismissing workers' compensation claims entirely, including some where the alternatives could have included permanent and total disability. Chris has successfully utilized affirmative defenses for both adjudication and settlement purposes, including the Statute of Limitations and jurisdiction defenses.

Outside of the office, Chris is active in his local community. Since 2015, he has been on the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Child Development Center where he provides solutions for challenges facing the Executive Director and staff. The Center has been full capacity since 2016, and focuses on early childhood education as well as the intellectual and social development of infants and toddlers.

Representative Case Highlights

- Chris successfully utilized the defense that a fall at home two weeks after a surgery was the cause for Plaintiff's continuing complaints, and not the alleged work-related injury; client was saved over \$100,000 in past medical bills, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in future medical benefits and litigation expenses.
- Recently, Chris proved that Plaintiff's complained-of injuries were not the product of her work for the employer and the case was dismissed.
- Chris gathered proof of a statute of limitations violation from medical records, Plaintiff's deposition testimony and her primary care provider's deposition testimony. He utilized threat of this defense to procure settlement of matter for less than \$10,000, when adjudication for the Plaintiff would have resulted in liability of over \$100,000 in addition to a lifetime of medical benefits owed.