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# **R. STEPHEN COONROD**

#### Partner

Steve Coonrod is certified by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education as a specialist in workers' compensation law and focuses on workers' compensation defense and litigation management. He is listed by The Best Lawyers in America for Workers' Compensation and serves as Litigation Manager for the Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association. Steve has been given the rating of "AV Preeminent," the highest rating possible by his peers through Martindale-Hubbell. He is the managing partner for the firm's Tallahassee office. Steve's clients include a broad range of private and governmental entities.

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

- Litigation Management
- Presumption/Heart & Lung Bill Claims
- Workers' Compensation

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Certified by the Florida Bar as a Specialist in Workers' Compensation Law since 1998
- AV Rated by Martindale Hubbell from 2003 to

#### present

- Board of Directors for The Workers' Compensation Institute
- Listed by The Best Lawyers in America for Workers Compensation Defense
- Past Chair, Workers' Compensation Board Certification Committee of The Florida Bar
- Past Member Executive Council, Workers' Compensation Section of The Florida Bar
- Past Faculty Member of The Florida Bar's Workers' Compensation Trial Advocacy Program
- Past Section Liaison to The Division of Administrative Hearings
- Tallahassee Claims Association: Prior General Counsel
- Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council
- Member of the Workers Compensation Research Institute

Steve is a frequent speaker on the topic of workers' compensation law at accredited seminars throughout Florida and Georgia.

## **EDUCATION**

- Florida State University, J.D., 1988
- Florida State University, B.S., 1985

#### ADMISSIONS

- The Florida Bar
- United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Florida