

## **Bruce Hamilton**

Bruce graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science degree, and received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Prior to joining TCDG, Bruce practiced law in Boston, Massachusetts with the firm of Burns and Levinson, where his practice consisted primarily of civil defense litigation, with an emphasis on product and premises liability. With our firm, he has continued his practice in the field of civil litigation, and has also developed a special expertise in the field of workers' compensation. Bruce has lectured about workers' compensation law at the North Carolina Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Seminars annually from 1997 through 2012. He has also been a member of the faculty and speaker at continuing legal education programs produced by the North Carolina Association of Self-Insurers, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, Wake Forest University, North Carolina Institute of Government, and Lorman Institute, as well as at the 2007 seminar entitled "Professionalism for Workers' Compensation Attorneys" jointly sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys and North Carolina Association of Trial Attorneys. In addition, Bruce has lectured at each of the North Carolina Industrial Commission's Annual Educational Conferences from 2001 through 2012, was a council member of the Workers' Compensation Section of the North Carolina Bar Association from 2001 through 2004, was selected by his peers to be included in the North Carolina Edition of *Super Lawyers* from 2006 through 2012 and has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* since 2001. Most recently Bruce received the unique honor of being named by *Best Lawyers* as its 2013 Raleigh Workers' Compensation-Employers "Lawyer of the Year." He has earned the highest (AV-Rated) ranking awarded by Martindale-Hubbell since 2009.

Bruce is a member of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, North Carolina State Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, and Wake County Bar Association. He is a Fellow in the College of Workers' Compensation Attorneys, and served as member of the legislative negotiations team for the 2011 Workers' Compensation Reform Bill (House Bill 709) and the 2012 Amendments (House Bill 237). In 2013 Bruce was elected to the Board of Directors for the NC Association of Self-Insurers. In 2013 Bruce was also elected to the North Carolina Industrial Commission Chairman's Informal Advisory Council.

Bruce is admitted to practice before all State and Federal courts in North Carolina.