



## Robert W. Goodson

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Robert Goodson is a successful trial attorney and highly respected Senior Counsel at Wilson Elser. A member of the firm's prestigious National Trial Team, Bert has earned a reputation as an outstanding litigator who defends medical and professional malpractice lawsuits on behalf of physicians, hospitals, managed care organizations, nursing homes and long-term care facilities. He also represents health care professionals in disciplinary and privileging matters. Bert represents the largest group of physicians in the National Capital Region and is generally requested for his experience and insight on high-exposure cases. With more than 40 years of experience as a trial lawyer, Bert has been the lead counsel on more than 150 jury trials. Bert is a member of the firm's Medical Malpractice & Health Care group in Washington, D.C., which has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America as a Tier I law firm in the area of medical malpractice.

Bert has broad experience in other areas of complex litigation, including product liability and legal malpractice, as well as his extensive involvement in litigation of medical device cases. In addition to serving as national trial counsel for a series of nationwide medical device cases, he served as coordinating counsel for a high volume of medical device cases in multiple jurisdictions across the country. In this role, Bert has experience in multidistrict litigation and consolidated cases in numerous jurisdictions.

In high demand as a speaker, Bert conducts seminars on risk management issues for various professional groups, and he served as an instructor in the prestigious Notre Dame Law School Intensive Trial Advocacy Program. He also served on the District of Columbia Bar Association committee responsible for proposed revisions in the District of Columbia Pattern Jury Instructions.

### Education

- Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1976)

### Services

- e-Discovery
- Lawyers' Liability
- Life Sciences
- Medical Malpractice & Health Care
- National Trial Team
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability & Services

- University of Notre Dame (A.B., *cum laude*, 1972)

### **Bar Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Maryland Association of Defense Counsel

### **Awards & Honors**

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2025-2026
- Selected for inclusion in Washington, D.C. *Super Lawyers*®, 2014-2024
- Selected as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the Medical Malpractice area, 2007-2024
- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Rated by Martindale-Hubbell as a Washington, DC and Baltimore Top Rated Lawyer, 2012, 2014
- Washington, DC's Top Lawyers in Civil Defense, *Washingtonian Magazine*, 2015, 2017-2018, 2020-2022