



C. Byron Berry, Jr.

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Overview

C. Byron Berry, Jr.'s practice covers a broad spectrum of litigation matters. He handles complex, multi-district and multi-party litigation (including class actions) and is known for leading, managing and coordinating counsel in such matters. These cases arise in the areas of administrative law, construction litigation, business litigation, professional malpractice liability, pharmaceutical drug liability, products liability, healthcare, professional licensure investigations and disciplinary proceedings, labor and employment, toxic tort/asbestos, transportation litigation, and general personal, casualty and insurance defense representing a variety of parties, ranging from individuals to Fortune 100 companies. He has served as lead or second chair in over 100 jury trials and over 80 judge trials/administrative law hearings.

From 1992 to 1997, Byron served as Assistant District Attorney for the City of New Orleans. During his tenure, he attained the position of Head of Narcotics and served as a member of the exclusive Violent Offender and Narcotics Strike Forces. He conducted a wide-range of complex and high profile criminal investigations and prosecutions in one of the busiest, highest-volume jurisdictions in the United States.

Practices

- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Employment
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability Defense

Industries

- Construction
- Transportation

Admissions

- Louisiana

Education

- LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, J.D. 1992
- Southern Methodist University, B.B.A. Accounting 1989

Experience

- Served as disciplinary counsel for the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. In that capacity, provided the Board with general counsel and advice and conducted and supervised state regulatory and disciplinary investigations and proceedings involving various health care professions and professionals for the State of Louisiana.
- Successful defense and resolution for a post-Hurricane Katrina federal government contractor in a multi-million dollar dispute with the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor under the Service Contract Act (SCA), Contract Work Hours Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA) and the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
- Served as Louisiana outside general counsel for post Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita federal government contractor conducting storm debris clean-up and environmental remediation services.
- Successful defense of and resolution for environmental contractor in consolidated multi-party discrimination lawsuits involving, among other things, claims under 42 U.S.C. 1983 of race discrimination and harassment.
- Development and implementation of forensic document and electronically stored information collection, quality control, review and production protocols and processes involving over 3 million records and supervised 20 attorneys in the resulting review and evidence production in consolidated multi-party litigation.
- Represented various Louisiana licensed professionals in sensitive regulatory, investigative, licensure, and disciplinary matters before various licensing boards for the State of Louisiana.
- Authored legislation for a State Senator and coordinated lobbying efforts in the State Legislature that resulted in a permanent funding source for Crimestoppers' programs throughout the State of Louisiana.

Affiliations

- Louisiana State Bar Association

- Federal Bar Association
- DRI (formerly known as Defense Research Institute)
- Crimestoppers – Member, Board of Trustees and Past President and Member, Board of Directors
- Christian Brothers School – Coach youth athletics

Recognition

- 2004 Power Generation (40 under 40) – New Orleans CityBusiness
- 2002 Chairman's Award of Appreciation – Crimestoppers