

## Robert Wright

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Bob Wright has been a trial attorney more than 30 years and has extensive jury trial experience in the areas of disability law, insurance coverage, medical malpractice, commercial disputes, health care, insurance fraud and general litigation. Bob also has significant experience in assisted living and nursing home regulatory and crisis management arising out of allegations of elder abuse.

Bob has litigated many disability, ERISA and coverage cases resulting in industry favorable appellate decisions, including the groundbreaking "Prior Manifestation" Doctrine adopted by the New Jersey Supreme Court in *Haas v Paul Revere Life Insurance Company*.

Bob's healthcare practice includes two terms as counsel to the Medical staff of Hackensack University Medical Center.

Bob has lectured at a number of legal and industry events, including the Eastern Claims Conference, New Jersey State Bar Convention and the American Conference Institute, on various insurance topics.

Bob has been recognized by the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company and UnumProvident for extraordinary service.

Throughout his career, Bob has been active in legal and industry groups and has served as program chair for the Justice Robert L. Clifford American Inn of Court and as chair of the New Jersey Supreme Court District IIA Fee Arbitration Committee. He was also an attorney volunteer for victims of September 11th tragedy through Trial Lawyers Care.

### Recognition & Involvement

Bob is on the Board of Trustees of Don Bosco Prep High School.

Bob is AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> rated by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating system. He has also been named in a survey of his peers as a 2018 New York Metro Region "Super Lawyer" in the field of Insurance Coverage.

### Practice Areas

Litigation  
Insurance Fraud  
Life, Health, Disability and ERISA

### Bar and Court Admissions

New York  
New Jersey  
District of Columbia  
Pennsylvania  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York  
U.S. Supreme Court

### Education

Marquette University School of Law, JD, 1980  
Marquette University, BA, *magna cum laude*, 1977

### Memberships

American Bar Association; Life, Health and Disability Section  
American Board of Trial Advocates  
Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey  
Defense Research Institute  
Federal Bar Council, Second Circuit

### **In the News**

Congratulations 2019 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
October 17, 2019

White and Williams Sponsors DRI Nursing Home/ALF Litigation Seminar  
August 20, 2019

Congratulations 2018 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
October 18, 2018

Congratulations 2017 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
November 11, 2017

Congratulations 2016 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
October 18, 2016

White and Williams Lawyers Host Mock Argument Exercise for New Jersey LEEP Students  
July 19, 2016

Congratulations 2015 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
October 21, 2015

Coverage College 2011® Brings Over 500 Students Together for Fifth Annual Insurance Industry Event  
October 6, 2011

### **Events**

COVID-19 Insurance Program  
Webinar | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | August 11, 2020

Fraudulent Claims: The Proof is in the File  
White and Williams Coverage College | October 6, 2011

### **Publications**

No Trial Credit in NJ Appellate Decision for Non-Settling Successive Tortfeasors – Must Demonstrate Proof of Initial  
Tortfeasor Negligence and Proximate Cause  
*Healthcare Alert* | January 4, 2021

A Framework for Mitigating Liability Claims for Eldercare Facilities  
*Healthcare Alert* | April 20, 2020

Coronavirus – Preparedness For Senior Living Communities And Nursing Homes  
*Healthcare Alert* | March 17, 2020

Total Disability Definition Construed by New York Federal Court  
*Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Alert* | January 13, 2020

New York City Courts Put Lawsuits Under the Child Victims Act on Hold  
*General Litigation Alert* | December 12, 2019

New Jersey Judge Calls for Retrial in Case of Nursing Home Act  
*Healthcare Alert* | June 19, 2015

### **Cases & Deals**

White and Williams Secures Reversal of Critical Ruling Involving Confidential and Proprietary Business Information  
July 7, 2016

New Jersey Assisted Living Facilities Are Not Subject To Liability Under The State's Nursing Home Law  
February 5, 2014