

PRACTICE AREA

Workers' Compensation

Dedicated workers' compensation defense for Arkansas employers, insurers, and self-insureds from claim investigation through appeal.

Friday, Eldredge & Clark has one of the few teams in Arkansas dedicated exclusively to the defense of Arkansas employers of all sizes in a wide variety of workers' compensation cases, representing insured and self-insured companies as well as third-party administrators. Our attorneys practice before the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission (AWCC) and appeals courts, including the Arkansas Supreme Court.

Our clients include some of the country's largest insurance companies, third-party administrators, agricultural, hospital, and school district self-insured trusts. We represent clients before the state Insurance Department and state and appellate courts.

Primarily we work to defend employers in workers' compensation cases. Our experience also extends to FELA and Longshoremen Act cases. When it is appropriate to do so, we collaborate with lawyers in the firm's healthcare and tax practices, to provide the best and most complete guidance and representation from a full-service perspective. In addition to handling investigations and discovery on behalf of clients with regard to specific incidents alleged, building the case in order to successfully defend it, we advise clients on developing, documenting, and implementing effective policies and procedures in compliance with state and federal laws. Besides numerous hearings and appeals, our work has included mediations, negotiations, and all types of structured or lump-sum settlements.

Our workers' compensation lawyers are frequently called upon to also provide training and education in a variety of forums.

We have one of the few teams in Arkansas dedicated exclusively to the defense of workers' compensation claims, and our lawyers are recognized by their peers, as evidenced by their inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, and *Top Lawyers by Corporate Counsel*.


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Areas of Focus

Employer Defense

Our attorneys represent employers of all sizes — insured, self-insured, and third-party administered — in every type of workers' compensation claim, from initial filings to appeals before the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission and appellate courts.

SUMMARY

- **Employer-Side Workers' Comp Defense:** Representing Arkansas employers, insurers, and self-insureds in workers' compensation claims.
- **AWCC & Appellate Experience:** Handling matters before the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission and state appellate courts.
- **Full Claim Lifecycle Management:** Investigating claims, defending hearings, and negotiating mediations and settlements.
- **Compliance & Policy Support:** Advising on workers' compensation policies and procedures to meet state and federal requirements.
- **Training for Employers & TPAs:** Providing workers' compensation training and education to employers and third-party administrators.

Related Practice Areas

[Employment Litigation](#)

[Health Law](#)

[Labor & Employment](#)

Claim Investigation & Litigation

We manage all stages of the claims process, including investigations, discovery, hearings, mediations, and structured or lump-sum settlements. Our strategic approach focuses on efficient resolutions that minimize exposure and cost.

Regulatory & Compliance Guidance

We assist employers in developing and maintaining compliant workers' compensation policies, procedures, and documentation to minimize risk and ensure adherence to state and federal laws.

Collaboration Across Practice Areas

When necessary, we partner with the firm's healthcare, employment, and tax attorneys to deliver coordinated, full-service representation on complex claims and benefit issues.

Meet the Team

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Recognition

