

William E. Pinkston

Partner

Bill's practice, for the past 30 years, has focused on civil litigation and trials, primarily in defense of personal injury lawsuits. Bill began his career as a state court felony prosecutor which launched his profession as a trial attorney. In his 35 years of practice, Bill has tried literally dozens of cases to jury verdict, with uniformly excellent results, a consequence of his courtroom savvy, tenacity and determination.

Bill's civil practice has focused on the defense of maritime injury and claims, products liability, premises liability, municipal and police liability, and motor vehicle accidents. Bill has also developed his practice in the defense of workers' compensation claims. Bill is particularly passionate about work-place safety. Bill utilizes a team of paralegals and investigators to assist in developing a defense for jury presentation.

"My approach to any piece of litigation is to investigate the facts of the case and to analyze the circumstances with an ultimate view toward obtaining victory in the courtroom. My moto is 'whatever it takes'."

Admitted to Practice

- Kentucky
- U.S. District Courts in Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, & Ohio
- Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

Practice Areas

- Products Liability
- Commercial Tort
- Employment Law
- Workers' Compensation
- Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Maritime Injury and Tort
- Municipal and County Liability
- Police Liability

Personal

- Born in Iowa City, Iowa; July 10, 1953
- Married to Anita Pinkston. They have two children, Will and Kate.

Education

- University of Kentucky, B.A., 1975
- University of Kentucky, J.D., 1978

Professional Associations

- McCracken County Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Section on Litigation

Professional/Personal Achievements

- Board of Directors, Paducah-McCracken County United Way, 2016
- Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Calloway County, Kentucky (1979-1982)
- Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, McCracken County, Kentucky (1982-1985)
- Member, Calloway County Democratic Party Executive Committee (1979-1981)
- Secretary/Treasurer, Calloway County Bar Association (1979-1980)
- President, McCracken County Bar Association (2003-2004)
- Member, Kentucky Sports Authority (2010-2013)
- Commissioner and Secretary, Brooks Stadium Commission (2007 to present)
- Paducah/McCracken County Chamber of Commerce
- Business Advisory Committee
- Rotary Club of Paducah
- Life Fellow, Kentucky Bar Foundation (2004)

Seminars Presented

- [Kentucky Association of Pupil Transportation, Helping your Attorney in School Bus Accident Litigation](#)
- Supervisory training for the Western Kentucky Construction Association
- 2002 & 2003 AIK Workers' Compensation Defense Seminar
- Maritime Personal Injury presentation for the Western Kentucky Court Reporters Association
- Elder law issues facing senior adults, McCracken County Public Library
- No-fault automobile insurance issues, McCracken County Law Day presentations

Seminars Attended

- University of Kentucky, 15th Biennial Employment Law Institute, June 2016
- CompEd Inc., 24th Annual Workers' Compensation Seminar, June 2015
- University of Kentucky, 20th Biennial Workers' Compensation Institute, October 2014
- Kentucky Bar Association, 2014 Annual Convention, June 2014
- Kentucky Defense Counsel, 2013 Trial Tactics Seminar, April 2013
- National Business Institute, Litigating Slip, Trip and Fall Cases in Kentucky, March 2013
- CompEd Inc; 21st Annual Workers' Compensation Seminar, June 2012
- National Business Institute; Anatomy and Physiology 101 for Attorneys, January 2012
- CompEd Inc., 2011 Workers' Compensation, June 2011
- CompEd Inc., 19th Annual Workers' Compensation Seminar, June 2010
- CompEd Inc., 17th Annual Workers' Compensation Seminar, June 2008

- Kentucky Bar Association; 2008 Kentucky Law Update, October 2008
- CompEd Inc., Workers Compensation Seminar, June 2007
- PESI, LLC; Kentucky Insurance Law 2007, May 2007
- CompEd Inc., Workers' Compensation Seminar, June 2006
- CompEd Inc., Workers' Compensation Seminar, June 2005
- Kentucky Insurance Law 2004, May 2004
- Kentucky Workers' Compensation Educational Association (KWCEA) Conference, December 2003
- Lorman Education Services, Introduction to Workers' Compensation, February 2003
- Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association; GNOBFA 21st Annual River & Marine Seminar, December 2001
- Foxmoor Continuing Education, Kentucky Insurance Law, May 2001
- Lorman Education Services, Intro to Workers' Comp in Kentucky, October 2000
- LMICK, Conflicts Checks/Tickler Systems, April 2000
- Kentucky Bar Association, Kentucky Law Update 1999-Paducah, September 1999
- University of Kentucky CLE, Computer Law Institute, May 1999
- Foxmoor Continuing Education, Kentucky Evidence Workshop, April 1999
- Foxmoor Continuing Education, Kentucky Evidence Workshop, April 1998
- Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association, 1996 River and Marine Industry Seminar, September 1996
- National Business Institute, Workers' Compensation in Kentucky, November 1995
- Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Municipal Risk Management Assoc. Annual Meeting, April 1995
- Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association, 1994 River and Marine Industry Seminar, September 1994
- University of Kentucky CLE, Evidence and Trial Practice '94, August 1994
- Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association, 1992 River and Marine Industry Seminar, September 1992
- Kentucky Bar Association, Kentucky Law Update '93, November 1993
- University of Kentucky CLE, The New Kentucky Rules of Evidence, August 1992
- Kentucky Bar Association, Kentucky Law Update '91, September 1991
- Robert T. Brahm, Research & Development Consultant, Comprehensive Longshore Seminar, May 1991
- Kentucky Bar Association, Kentucky Law Update '91, September 1991
- McCracken County Bar Association, Accident Reconstruction, February 1990
- Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association, 1989 River and Marine Industry Seminar, September 1989

Articles

- [Practical Guide to Workers' Compensation: The Employer's Perspective](#)
- [THE SCHOOL BUS CRASHED: Tips to Prepare Transportation Directors for That Dreaded Call](#)
- [Slip & Fall Safety Considerations for Small Business Operators](#)