

## FormanWatkins Team Wins Summary Judgment in West Virginia Debut

FormanWatkins attorneys Fred Krutz, Brian Hannula, and Andrew Stubbs started off 2021 strong with a summary judgment win in West Virginia. The case was the first of six coal mining claims filed against the same respirator manufacturers to reach the summary judgment stage. The plaintiff alleged that the respirator defendants' products were defective, causing him to develop coal workers pneumoconiosis. Our team filed a motion for summary judgment for their client arguing that plaintiff's claims were time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations. The court granted the motion from the bench at the hearing on January 14.