

## Workers' Compensation

At FormanWatkins, our clients receive experienced representation at all administrative levels of the workers' compensation system, as well as before state appellate courts. Our approach takes into account risk reduction, cost control, and examines business strategies as a whole. A main component of our workers' compensation practice is to understand the nature of our clients' businesses. This lends us the ability to advise our clients on the most economical approach to each claim - whether that be traditional litigation or alternative measures.

FormanWatkins attorneys consistently defend clients in traditional workplace injury claims. Because of our extensive medical and scientific expertise and connections with top experts in the field, our attorneys are often brought in to advise and defend large corporations in complex matters involving unusual claims or mass workers' compensation filings with multi-million dollar demands.

One such instance was a large premises defendant we represented before the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission against claims that hundreds of former plant workers developed neurological, cardiovascular, and/or pulmonary injuries as a result of alleged workplace chemical exposure. After a two-week trial of 13 of the claims, the commissioner found that our client was not responsible for a work-related injury in the vast majority of the claims, thus permitting our client to achieve a very favorable resolution of the matter. Our attorneys have provided similar services for clients throughout the country.

FormanWatkins has longstanding relationships with many insurance carriers and third-party administrators, and we understand the nature of their business and its requirements. We also have an established Medicare protocol for those claims which meet reporting requirements. Our extensive mass-tort database is a unique resource that allows our workers' compensation clients to identify employees who have pursued multiple recoveries in various courts. In some cases, our clients obtain outright dismissals because of a claimant's previously settled third-party lawsuits.