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Rich Arnold has decades of experience in defending workers' compensation related matters on behalf of national and local healthcare practices, transportation groups, retail establishments, banks, construction entities, and manufacturing companies. Rich also defends insurance carriers, self-insured entities, and third-party administrators.

Having tried more than a hundred cases to conclusion before the Division of Worker's Compensation, Rich is well versed in all things trial related. His experience includes arguing before the Appellate Court and handling Second Injury Fund trials. Additionally, Rich has handled Motions for Medical Treatment and Temporary Disability Benefits, and occupational accident claim trials. Rich's experience also includes handling cases of alleged total disability.

Rich was named as a Certified Workers' Compensation Law Attorney by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

He has been selected by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America for workers' compensation law since 2009. *For more information regarding methodology for this accolade, pursuant to New Jersey Lawyer Advertising guidance, please see here: <https://bit.ly/WGBestLawyers>. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court.*

**Experience**

- ***Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.***
- Obtain a dismissal of the petitioner's claim. The petitioner sustained a compensable work injury to the shoulder, ankle, and arm. Two years post-loss petitioner fell on a trip (no accident reported) had emergency cervical spinal surgery. The petitioner claimed it was related to the work injury, and the

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**Industries**

Food, Beverage & Hospitality  
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Insurance  
Transportation  
Manufacturing  
Healthcare  
Banking & Finance

**Practices**

Workers' Compensation

**Education**

Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D.,  
1994  
Rutgers University (Cook College), B.S.,  
1991

**Bar Admissions**

New Jersey

**Court Admissions**

United States District Court for the District  
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health care carrier tried to assert a lien. The Judge dismissed that portion of the petitioner's claim. The remaining shoulder, ankle, and arm injuries settled for \$35K section 20.

- Successfully defended a claim where the petitioner underwent unauthorized surgical intervention. In this matter, petitioner sustained a compensable injury to her back, left shoulder and arm, neck, head, left hip, and leg. Following that loss, the petitioner was provided with a brief course of conservative medical treatment. The petitioner then sought unauthorized treatment and surgery. Through investigation and discovery, we were able to determine that the petitioner had a pre-existing history of injuries to the lumbar spine with prior lumbar surgery. The medical expert ultimately determined that the unauthorized surgery was not related to our work injury.
- Obtained defense verdict for client at trial involving allegations of multiple cervical disc herniation's and a torn rotator cuff as result of a work accident and 25 years of occupational exposure.
- Obtained defense verdict for client at trial involving a denied work accident with surgical repair of a torn rotator cuff.
- Defended an application for review and modification of a prior award where the petitioner received a prior award of 30 percent of partial total. We tried the matter and the judge found no increase in disability and dismissed the case for failure to sustain the burden of proof.

### **Professional & Community Involvement**

New Jersey Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section