

## UNDERWOOD & PROCTOR



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**U**nderwood & Proctor focuses on helping individuals with serious problems that threaten their lives and dignity.

"Everyone at one time or another knows what it's like to be taken advantage of by someone more powerful," says Mark Underwood. "We're here to stand up for those people in their most desperate times of need."

That passion for representing the injured, the forgotten and the voiceless has made Underwood & Proctor the law firm that individuals call when they are looking for zealous, dedicated representation.

"We don't represent large corporations or insurance companies," Underwood says. "By definition, they are more concerned with profits than people. We're proud that we respond quickly when people reach out to us. Our clients should expect comport, counsel, competence and communication."

In an era when most cases are routinely settled, the lawyers at Underwood & Proctor know their way to the courthouse—and what to do when they get there.

"We try cases," he says. "The jury is the last recourse for powerless people against the powerful."

### WE REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS—LIVING, BREATHING, CARING PEOPLE.

The firm's areas of expertise are personal injury, wrongful death, employee benefits (disability, life and medical insurance under E.R.I.S.A.), pension disputes, social security, consumer protection, mass torts/multi-plaintiff/class actions, criminal and family law.

**THE TEAM** Underwood has been named to the *Super Lawyers*® list. *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World* have also recognized him. He is a graduate of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the American Trial Lawyers Association Ultimate Advocacy School and the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College, where he remains active. He takes pride in the continuing development of his craft as trial lawyer.

John A. Proctor assists a wide variety of clients with their problems. He has significant experience in personal injury; domestic and family law; ERISA, employment; business organization and development; and criminal defense. He is a graduate of the Trial Advocacy Institute at the University of Virginia.

Anne E. Shaffer is the most recent addition to the firm. Her biography includes: Order of the Coif, Member; West Virginia University Law Review, 1987-1989; Law Clerk to the Hon. John T. Copenhaver Jr., Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia. Other lawyers rely heavily on her for her research, writing and appellate skills.

Underwood emphasizes that Underwood & Proctor is a team effort—firm professionals work together to best serve clients. "Our practice is growing, which will enable us to help more people," Underwood says. "Helping people, that's our mission."

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