

## John W. Rabb

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### Practices

Insurance Law

Workers' Compensation

### Bar Admissions

South Carolina State Bar

### Education

J. D., University of South  
Carolina School of Law

B.A. Wofford College,  
*magna cum laude*

### Overview

John Rabb brings over 30 years of experience to our Columbia office. His practice focuses on handling workers' compensation claims for employers, carriers, TPA's, and self-insureds.

John's legal background includes prominent positions as a former law clerk to the Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives and to the House Judiciary Committee. He also served as a law clerk for the Honorable John Hamilton Smith, Circuit Court, 5th Judicial District.

John received his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. Prior to law school, he graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. from Wofford College where he was a four-year letterman in tennis.

Among his notable cases, is the South Carolina Supreme Court case of *Jones v. Hampton Pontiac*, 405 S.E.2d 395 (1991), regarding the issue of horseplay. The Court determined that an injured worker was not entitled to compensation benefits because the claimant, during a coffee break, slipped and fell while demonstrating a karate kick to a coworker. The claimant was determined by the court to be an instigator of horseplay, finding that karate kicks were not a natural incident of the type of work carried on at Hampton Pontiac.

Outside of work, Mr. Rabb is an avid tennis player; he is a four-time USTA League state champion and a member of the 2005 National Championship team. He is married to Margaret "Scottie" Rabb and they have one son who works as an attorney at the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

### Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

- South Carolina Bar Association
- South Carolina Workers' Compensation Education Association