

West Virginia



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A Win at the Fourth Court

The Wheeling Office was victorious for the defense in the matter of Bumpass v. Howard, et al., 5:19-cv-305 (N.D. W.Va. 2019), which Plaintiff brought before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals after his initial case was lost in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia. This claim involved a Federal (1983) civil rights action brought by the Plaintiff, who was arrested and cited for DUI by a Bethlehem, West Virginia, officer after the officer observed Plaintiff driving in the middle of two interstate lanes. We successfully defended all claims, and no violations of any constitutional rights were found against any of the police officers.

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals found no error in the lower court's decision and affirmed the victory. Plaintiff has now appealed to have the case reheard en banc. This matter was successfully defended by attorneys Thomas E. Buck, Esq., and Benjamin P. Visnic, Esq.