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Bob Veon is a founding partner of the Kansas and Arkansas based trial firm of McDonald Veon, P.A. He is admitted to practice in State and Federal Courts in Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Texas and Missouri. Mr. Veon handles complex, high stakes litigation for commercial entities, individuals and insurers, often serving as regional and national coordinating counsel throughout the U.S. Mr. Veon has extensive experience in product liability, premises, automobile, trucking/transportation, construction defect, drug and medical device, medical negligence, nursing home, long-term care, insurance coverage, insurance recovery, patent prosecution, class actions and MDL.



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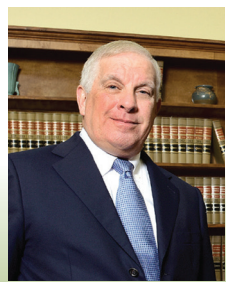
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Jim Shannon is a graduate of Mississippi College where he received his bachelor of arts and masters of arts degrees in history. From 1969 through 1972, he served in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as a First Lieutenant with the 101st Airborne Division. After his military service, he earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1977 from the University of Mississippi School of Law.



While his professional bio will list many regional and national professional awards for his work, his drive and passion for his clients and his willingness to help others make his mission. He truly believes in his clients and advocates for those who might not have a voice or who need a helping hand to seek justice. Shannon takes pride in making his community a better place to live and he is vested in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, and Copiah County.



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In addition to practicing law, Darryl can be seen and heard as a legal journalist providing expert on-air commentary on CourtTV, WXIA (the Atlanta NBC affiliate), CNN, MSNBC, and Crime Stories with Nancy Grace. He teaches professionalism at Emory University School of Law and has been selected as an AV-rated Georgia Super Lawyer, a Legal Elite, a Top Attorney of North America, and a Legal Legend by the Fulton County Daily Report.

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