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- David H. Batten, Medical Malpractice Law, Personal Injury Litigation and Commercial Litigation
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- W. Scott Fuller (*), Workers' Compensation Law
- Dan M. Hartzog, Personal Injury Litigation and Commercial Litigation
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