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John's practice focuses on representing individuals and businesses in commercial transportation, products, construction, and general liability matters in the state and federal courts throughout Virginia. John has tried over 40 cases to verdict and successfully resolved more through pretrial motions practice and various forms of alternative dispute resolution. Prior to joining Harman Claytor, John served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Beverly W. Snukals of the Circuit Court for the City of Richmond, Virginia.



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Professional Activities & Honors

- Richmond Bar Association
 - Membership Committee member (2023 – present)
 - Communications Committee member (2020 – 2023)
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
 - Board of Directors (2024 – 2025)
 - Chair of Products & Toxic Torts Section (2023 – 2024)
 - Vice-Chair of Products & Toxic Torts Section (2022 – 2023)
- Defense Research Institute
- Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Inn of Court (2019 – present)
- Virginia Super Lawyers – Rising Stars (2023 – 2024)
 - Civil Litigation: Defense
 - Personal Injury – General: Defense
- Virginia Business Legal Elite (2024)
 - Young Lawyer

Publications

- Author, *Res Ipsa Loquitur: Does It Really Speak for Itself?* Journal of Civil Litigation, Vol. XXXV No. 4 (Winter 2024)
- Co-Editor, Virginia Civil Benchbook for Judges and Lawyers (2019-2020 ed.)
- Author, *Bargaining Towards Equality: The Effects of Implicit Bias Training on Plea-Bargaining*, 21 Rich. Pub. Int. L. Rev. 341 (2018)
- Co-Author, *Personal Injury from A to Z: Damages Pt. 1 & 2*, National Business Institute (September 2017)

Presentations

- Products Liability Essentials: Early Investigation, Expert Witnesses, and Updates in the Law, Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys Fall Seminar, Williamsburg, VA (October 2024)
- Navigating through the PFAS Landscape: Litigation Strategies and Complex Insurance Coverage Issues for the “Forever Chemical,” Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys Spring Seminar, Lynchburg, VA (May 2024)
- Excessive Force, Hanover County Criminal Justice Academy, Hanover, VA (February 2020)

Education

- Virginia Commonwealth University, B.A., *magna cum laude* (2015)
- University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (2018)
 - *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, Manuscripts Editor
 - Moot Court Board, Member

Bar & Court Admissions

- Virginia State Bar
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit