

VIRGINIA

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Hunton & Williams

Kaufman & Canoles

LeClairRyan

McGuireWoods

Troutman Sanders

Williams Mullen

Willcox & Savage

Recommended

Akerman Senterfitt

Christian & Barton

Goodman Allen & Filetti

Hogan & Hartson

Latham & Watkins

Morris & Morris

Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier & Neustadt

Venable

Woods Rogers

Local litigation stars

Everette Allen Jr.

LeClairRyan

Business Litigation, Environmental Litigation, Tort Defense

David Anthony

Troutman Sanders

Class Actions, Complex Commercial Litigation

Stanley Barr

Kaufman & Canoles

Construction Litigation, Employment Litigation

Cameron Beck

Morris & Morris

Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, Transportation

Bruce Bishop

Willcox & Savage

Environmental Litigation, Products Liability

William Broaddus

McGuireWoods

Appellate, Environmental Litigation, Toxic Torts

Stephen Busch

McGuire Woods

Complex Commercial Litigation, Environmental Litigation, Products Liability

Thomas Cawley

Hunton & Williams

Construction Litigation, Intellectual Property

Donald Clark

Williams Mullen

Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, Securities

Calvin "Woody" Fowler Jr

Williams Mullen

Class Actions, Complex Business Litigation, Insurance

Edward Fuhr

Hunton & Williams

Appellate, Mass Torts, Products Liability, Securities

Warren David Harless

Christian & Barton

Complex Commercial Litigation, Employment Litigation, Products Liability

Richard Kelly

Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier & Neustadt

Intellectual Property, International Litigation

William King

McGuireWoods

Commercial Litigation, International Litigation

Craig Merritt

Christian & Barton

Antitrust, Appellate, Intellectual Property, Media Law

James Morris

Morris & Morris

Employment Litigation, Insurance, Products Liability

Stephen Northup

Troutman Sanders

Complex Commercial Litigation, Energy, Securities

Rosewell Page

McGuireWoods

Complex Commercial Litigation, Environmental Litigation, Health Law, Products Liability, Toxic Torts

Russell Palmore

Troutman Sanders

Complex Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, Professional Liability

James Roberts

Troutman Sanders

Complex Commercial Litigation, Energy Litigation, White Collar Crime

Robert Rolfe

Hunton & Williams

Complex Commercial Litigation, Employment Litigation, Securities

Conrad Shumadine

Willcox & Savage

Antitrust, Commercial Litigation

Charles Sims

LeClairRyan

Insurance, Intellectual Property

Hunter Sims

Kaufmann & Canoles

Complex Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property, Securities, White Collar Crime

Thomas Slater

Hunton & Williams

Antitrust, Class Actions, Intellectual Property, Mass Torts, Products Liability

Michael Smith

Christian & Barton

Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Health Law, Products Liability

Greg Stillman

Hunton & Williams

Appellate, Health Law, Intellectual Property, Products Liability, Securities

John West

Troutman Sanders

Complex Commercial Litigation, White Collar Crime

Anne Marie Whittemore

McGuireWoods

Appellate, Class Actions, Complex Commercial Litigation, Securities

Future stars

Patrick Blake
Willcox & Savage

Turner Broughton
Williams Mullen

Adam Casagrande
Williams Mullen

Jason Davis
Kaufman & Canoles

Maya Eckstein
Hunton & Williams

Matthew Green
Morris & Morris

Michael Katchmark
Willcox & Savage

Sona Rewari
Hunton & Williams

Brett Spain
Willcox & Savage



Virginia

Many Virginia litigators dedicate a majority of their practice to serving clients like government contractors that have a nexus to Washington, DC. While governmental litigation is concentrated in the northern part of the state, the legal market in southern Virginia focuses on intellectual property and agricultural issues.

Highly recommended firms

Hunton & Williams

In addition to its national reputation, Hunton & Williams enjoys a successful practice in Richmond, with peers observing that “the firm is very busy.” A client praises the firm’s attorneys, citing their “strategic insight and strong writing skills.” Established in 1901, the firm receives accolades for its intellectual property work, including concentrations in copyright, patent, trade secrets and trademark litigation. Other practice areas of note include bankruptcy, antitrust, and employment litigation.

Thomas Cawley concentrates on business, construction and constitutional litigation. He has made numerous appearances before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Virginia Supreme Court. His clients include national corporations, technology businesses, and the largest school board in Virginia. **Edward Fuhr** has experience handling securities class actions, shareholder derivative actions, and SEC investigations. **Robert Rolfe** focuses on complex commercial litigation, energy litigation, legal malpractice, and securities work. He has appeared in the Second, Fourth, Seventh and DC Circuit Courts of Appeal as well as the Supreme Court of Virginia and has represented clients before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the SEC. A competitor has called **Greg Stillman** “highly accomplished” in the areas of business torts, intellectual property and securities litigation. **Maya Eckstein** excels in patent infringement and other types of intellectual property litigation. **Sona Rewari** practices in a number of areas including business torts, intellectual property, products liability, telecommunications litigation, employment discrimination, and civil rights suits.

Kaufman & Canoles

Tracing its roots to 1982, Kaufman & Canoles remains one of the premier firms in the state. A competitor applauds the firm for its “litigation depth,” which includes intellectual property, First Amendment rights, construction litigation, securities, and white-collar crime practices. Clients retain the firm for its cost-effectiveness and its extensive trial experience.

Based out of Norfolk, **Hunter Sims** is a prolific litigator. He has practiced for over 30 years and tried over 100 civil and criminal cases. Called a “talented trial lawyer,” **Stanley Barr** has participated in cases involving construction, government, and employment-related claims. His client roster includes hospitals, large corporations, lenders, and municipalities. An insider calls **Jason Davis** a “very fine young lawyer” for his medical malpractice work.

Thomas Slater has tried over 70 cases, and has particular expertise in antitrust, intellectual property, products liability matters.

LeClairRyan

Headquartered in Richmond, LeClairRyan boasts a strong state and national presence, with eight offices in Virginia and 12 other locations on the East and West Coasts. Established in 1988, the firm quickly made a name for itself due to its ability to effectively and efficiently assemble litigation teams across state borders. In July 2009 the firm announced that it was continuing its expansion with a new office in Hartford, Connecticut.

A peer notes that “**Everette Allen Jr.** has a long, well-established reputation as a great trial lawyer.” His practice revolves around high-visibility business and tort litigation. Competitors also remark that he is “aggressive, and has a high level of expertise.” **Charles Sims** heads the firm’s Commercial Litigation and Business Practice and commonly appears in matters involving professional malpractice, directors’ liability, breach of contract, fraud, ERISA claims and trade secrets. He also represents clients in intellectual property and technology disputes. He is a notable member of the Defense Research Institute and the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys.

McGuireWoods

McGuireWoods has an international presence with 900 lawyers across 18 offices worldwide. One local attorney calls McGuireWoods “one of the big three law firms in the state.” The firm has successfully represented private and public companies, government entities and non-profit clients in the automotive, energy, health care, technology and transportation industries. The Virginia offices, including the

headquarters in Richmond, support a healthy appellate practice and specializations in antitrust, banking, government contracts, intellectual property, products liability and securities litigation. McGuireWoods has achieved victories for BP Solar International and PNC Capital Markets among other clients.

Anne Marie Whittemore receives notice for her robust appellate practice, focusing on constitutional, corporate, environmental, and securities litigation. She has served as president of the Richmond Bar Association and chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. **William Broaddus** has a broad focus in commercial litigation, with experience litigating federal and state constitutional, contract, libel, land use, employment, and environmental matters. He has argued cases before the Supreme Court of Virginia, Fourth Court of Appeals and the US Supreme Court. **Stephen Busch** stands out for his work defending clients in environmental, products and professional liability and toxic tort cases.

William King possesses over 20 years of experience litigating products liability matters and has primarily represented manufacturers in the automotive industry. Also an esteemed member of the products liability team, **Roswell Page** is noted for representing developers in the nuclear power industry.

Troutman Sanders

Troutman Sanders first established a foothold in Virginia in 1987 when it founded an office in the economic hub of Tysons Corner. The firm’s Virginia presence has grown to include additional offices in Norfolk, Richmond and Virginia Beach. Recently, the firm has experienced an increase in class action litigation relating to consumer credit issues and the ongoing subprime mortgage crisis. The Richmond office in particular has strengthened its focus on banking litigation.

Peers call **David Anthony** an “accomplished attorney” for his expertise in business disputes, federal court litigation, and financial litigation. He possesses a deep knowledge and familiarity with cases pertaining to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collections Practice Act and the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. An insider has called **Stephen Northup** a star in banking and financial institution litigation. **Russell Palmore** is distinguished for his products liability work. He has a long-standing relationship with CSX Transportation and has represented the company for over 25 years. Based in Richmond, **James Roberts** maintains a notable white-collar practice and possesses over 50 years of experience on the trial and appellate level. **John West** counsels clients on issues related to white-collar and government investigations. Past clients

include national manufacturers, law enforcement officials, religious institutions, and freight and export companies.

Williams Mullen

Williams Mullen is praised for its effective representation of government entities, nonprofit organizations, private family-owned businesses, and multinational Fortune 500 companies. The firm enjoys a notable presence in Virginia and has grown to include locations in North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and London.

Peers recognize **Calvin Fowler** for his impressive practice covering a broad scope of complex commercial litigation, consumer class action, government investigations, health care, products liability and insurance litigation. He has acquired extensive experience in alternate dispute resolution and serves as an arbitrator and mediator through Arbitration Associates. He is also a noted member of the Defense Research Institute. Since 1968, **Donald Clark** has served as a trial attorney with a concentration in products liability, construction, and land use litigation. He has appeared before the Fourth and Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, the Eastern District Court of Virginia, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Tax Court, and U.S. Court of Federal Claims. **Adam Casagrande** primarily focuses on contract, construction, and intellectual property disputes. Local litigators praise **Turner Broughton's** strong consumer class actions practice. He also represents nursing homes in the area.

Willcox & Savage

Willcox & Savage is noted for its close relationships with its clients; the firm prides itself on maintaining day-to-day contact with the entities it advises. The firm has represented high-profile business like **AIG**, **Exxon Mobile**, and **HSBC** in numerous commercial litigation matters. In 2009, the firm achieved a major victory on behalf of **Norfolk Southern Railway Company** against the City of Alexandria. The city attempted to impose regulations on a railroad facility, which the plaintiff claimed was in violation of federal law. In April, the court entered judgment in favor of **Norfolk Southern**. **Gary Bryant** served as lead counsel.

Bruce Bishop enjoys a national reputation for his work in transportation, environmental, aviation and toxic tort litigation. His asbestos litigation practice is also noteworthy. **Conrad Shumadine** has been recognized for his skill in handling antitrust, intellectual property and trade regulation matters. He successfully represented **Landmark Communications** in a civil action that was settled days before trial.

Brett Spain excels in business tort, contract disputes and other commercial litigation. **Michael Katchmark** handles

financial cases concerning the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act. He also has a strong intellectual property practice. Peers laud **Patrick Blake** for his work in toxic torts, and wrongful death, including automotive accident, cases.

Recommended firms

Akerman Senterfitt

Headquartered in Florida, **Akerman Senterfitt** has recently established a presence in Virginia. While the firm's Tysons Corner office is less than five years old, the firm has made an impact in the area of construction litigation. **Jeffrey Gilmore** chairs the firm's construction practice and represents owners, design professionals, and sureties in matters relating to the airport, medical, and petrochemical industries. **Gilmore's** practice has recently seen a surge in litigation stemming from public infrastructure projects.

Christian & Barton

Located in Richmond, **Christian & Barton** represents individuals, non-profit entities, and government agencies in matters of technology, business, real estate, banking

Founding partner **Dante Filetti** stands out for his 25 years of civil litigation experience and has represented health care defendants in over 50 civil jury trials.

Hogan & Hartson

While the six-partner **McLean** office of **Hogan & Hartson** is small, the firm commands a respectable presence in the Virginia litigation market and has tried cases for local, national and international clients. The firm focuses on a wide range of litigation including securities, intellectual property, commercial, employment, government contracts, antitrust, and aircraft finance matters. Managing partner **Emily Yinger** serves as the director of the firm's litigation practice and enjoys an accomplished practice representing clients in multidistrict class actions and intellectual property cases. She has a long-standing relationship with client **Blue Cross Blue Shield**.

Latham & Watkins

The three-person litigation team at **Latham & Watkins' Virginia** office includes a highly skilled securities practice. **Laurie Smilan** is the co-chair for the international securities and professional liability groups and has

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and health care litigation. A competitor calls **Warren Harless** and **Craig Merritt** “solid lawyers.” **Harless** heads the firm's employment litigation group and has over 25 years of legal experience. He also enjoys a strong business litigation practice and is noted for defending companies against conspiracy and trade secret claims. **Merritt** enjoys a vibrant antitrust and intellectual property practice and is highly regarded for his work representing transportation clients and medical device manufacturers. Litigation practice chair **Michael Smith** excels at corporate and commercial litigation. His practice also contains a smattering of products liability and healthcare cases.

Goodman Allen & Filetti

Litigation boutique **Goodman Allen & Filetti** fields a formidable team spanning offices in Charlottesville, Norfolk, and Richmond. The firm has represented Fortune 500 corporations, small businesses, health care systems, and health care providers. Insiders note the firm's strong premises, products and professional liability practices. The firm has also appeared before state and federal regulatory agencies.

handled more than 50 securities class actions. Her client list includes **AES Corporation**, **Bally Total Fitness**, **Boeing**, **The Carlyle Group** and **Dell Corporation**.

Morris & Morris

Based in Richmond, **Morris & Morris** is a seven-person litigation boutique dedicated to serving clients in employment, insurance, labor, products liability, and transportation matters. The boutique actively encourages its associates to gain trial experience. The firm currently represents one of the largest law firms in Virginia in connection with a malpractice claim. Other clients include **Altec Industries** and **Proctor & Gamble**.

Managing partner **Cameron Beck** focuses on civil litigation with a concentration in trucking defense, products liability, and commercial disputes. He also has experience in construction litigation. He possesses extensive jury trial experience in state and federal courts throughout Virginia. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute and the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys. Named partner **James Morris** maintains a strong construction practice. He has tried over 500 cases to verdict.

Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier & Neustadt

Since 1968, Oblon Spivak McClelland Maier & Neustadt has satisfied clients with its stellar litigation team. The firm is best known for its work in intellectual property law, with emphasis on design patent, trademark and copyright disputes. The firm has an international presence with an office in Tokyo to supplement the firm's Alexandria location.

Managing shareholder **Richard Kelly** counsels clients in all manner of intellectual property matters, with expertise in litigation involving the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Notable clients include Buffalo Technology and Dystar (a global company that provides dyes for the textile

and leather industry).

Venable

With nearly 600 attorneys in seven offices across the northeast, Venable has a number of successful practices. The firm's Tysons Corner office is a strong presence in Virginia. The firm handles government contract and intellectual property work and maintains a close association with the Washington, D.C. office. Other practice areas include aviation, media and entertainment law. William Walsh Jr. has over 30 years of experience litigating. Prior to joining the firm, Walsh served as a lawyer at the Department of Defense, which contributes to his expertise in the area of government contract disputes.

Woods Rogers

With five offices across Virginia, Woods Rogers maintains a team of 22 litigators defending clients in insurance, antitrust and communications litigation. A peer has special praise for the Roanoke firm, stating "the litigators there are very impressive." Mark Loftis chairs the litigation group and has 15 years of experience representing manufacturers, retailers, and utility companies. His practice focuses on products liability and insurance litigation. Daniel Brown has successful securities fraud, contract, products liability, and insurance coverage practices.



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Edward J Fuhr, head of the Hunton & Williams securities team, has been recognized as a leading securities litigator for years. He has been recognized as a leading litigator by publications such as *Who's Who In American Lawyers*, *The Best Lawyers in America-- Business Litigation* and *Virginia's Legal Elite*, and received the Patrick Henry Award for Distinguished Service to Virginia.

Throughout his career, Mr Fuhr has successfully represented clients in a variety of matters related to securities class actions, mergers and acquisitions, derivative suits, SEC investigations, and corporate governance. Mr Fuhr has extensive experience in SEC investigations, and has lectured to law schools, corporate gatherings and industry conventions on defending securities and derivative litigation and securities class actions.

Among his notable victories, Mr Fuhr successfully represented a *Fortune* 200 retailer and its officers in shareholder class actions alleging securities law violations, and successfully represented a major U.S. homebuilder and its board of directors against several derivative and shareholder class action suits seeking to enjoin a \$1.7 billion merger.

Recently, Mr Fuhr has devoted substantial time leading an internal investigation for one of the nation's largest financial institutions into allegations regarding the company's securitized mortgage loan and financing practices. Mr Fuhr is also representing a financial institution before the SEC regarding allegations of securities law violations in connection with its valuations and securitized loan portfolios.

Mr Fuhr recently argued successfully before the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit over a district court's decision not to dismiss a corporate defendant in a securities fraud class action after dismissing claims against two of the company's officers accused of misleading investors. At issue in the case was whether a corporation can act with fraudulent intent under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act when none of its employees acted with such intent. Commentators referred to the appeal as one of the most significant securities matters of the year, noting that if the Second Circuit had affirmed the decision, it would create a circuit split that would present an attractive candidate for review by the US Supreme Court.

In addition to his work at Hunton & Williams, Mr Fuhr was employed as an attorney-advisor in the United States Department of Justice, where he advised the Attorney General and the President on, among other things, the legality and constitutionality of various programs, actions and policies. Mr Fuhr has held several gubernatorial appointments in Virginia, serving as chairman of the Virginia Charitable Gaming Commission and vice chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges. He is admitted to practice before the Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth and Eleventh US Circuit Courts of Appeal and the US Supreme Court.



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Thomas G Slater, Jr is group head for Hunton & Williams' litigation, labor, and competition practices, and has over 30 years experience handling antitrust and competition trials. His work focuses on complex antitrust, intellectual property, franchise, unfair trade practice disputes, and white collar criminal defense representations.

Mr Slater is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and in the American Bar Foundation. He has handled over 70 jury trials in state and federal courts throughout the US and has served as lead trial counsel for Fortune 100 companies in numerous national and state class action antitrust cases, as well as lead trial counsel in patent infringement cases. Notable recent representations include successful results in major national litigation in the processed meat, electric utility, and mobile telecommunications industries.

Mr Slater is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for antitrust and corporate litigation. He is listed in *Chambers*, *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in America*, and on *Lawdragon's Top 500 Leading Litigators* list. He was part of the winning team in the antitrust trial showcase program at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the ABA Antitrust Section.

Mr Slater received his LLB from the University of Virginia and his BA from Virginia Military Institute. A member of the Virginia and DC Bars and a member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, he is admitted to practice in the Fourth, Fifth, Federal, and District of Columbia US Circuit Courts of Appeal and the US Supreme Court, and has successfully argued appeals in the Fourth, Fifth and DC Circuits.

