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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Products Liability
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Brian Schneider practices in the Litigation section of the firm, focusing on the defense of asbestos-related maritime death and injury cases, product liability, commercial disputes and defamation claims. His diverse experience has made him a respected and much-sought litigator for clients ranging in size from multinational corporations to small business owners. As former chair of the Appellate Practice section of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, Brian has experience handling appellate matters touching upon a variety of state, federal, and constitutional issues. For his efforts in these areas, Brian has been named several times as a "Virginia Super Lawyer" for his civil defense work, as well as among Virginia's "Legal Elite" by *Virginia Business* for his appellate advocacy on behalf of his clients. He was offered membership in the International Association of Defense Counsel, an invitation borne of his reputation among clients and peers alike. Brian also sits on the Board of Governors for the Litigation Section of the Virginia State Bar.

Brian is a former federal law clerk and is a regular author and speaker on product liability, maritime, and appellate issues. Brian is a member of both the Virginia and Georgia bars and is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of both jurisdictions, as well as in the United States Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fourth, and Eleventh Circuits.

EDUCATION

- University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law, J.D, cum laude, 2000
- Virginia Commonwealth University, B.S. Accounting, cum laude, 1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia (state and federal)
- Georgia (state and federal)
- Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit

CLERKSHIPS

- The Honorable James P. Jones, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia (2000-2001)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

- Virginia State Bar, Member
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
- Henrico County Bar Association (President, 2017-18)
- VADA Journal of Civil Litigation, Board of Editors
- Virginia Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Defense Research Institute
- John Marshall Inn of Court

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- *Boesenhofer v. Aecome*, Civil Action No. 17-1072 (E.D. Pa. June 22, 2021)
- *Mullinex v. Air & Liquid Sys. Corp.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 221669 (E.D. Va. Dec. 6, 2018)
- *Goodrich v. Air & Liquid Sys. Corp.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 235491 (E.D. Va. Oct. 26, 2018)
- *Hays v. Foster Wheeler Energy Corp.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 196718 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 15, 2014)
- *John Crane Inc. v. Hardick*, 284 Va. 329, 732 S.E.2d 1 (2012)
- *Kiser v. A.W Chesterton Co.*, 770 F. Supp. 2d 745 (E.D. Pa. 2011)
- *CNH America LLC v. Smith*, 281 Va. 60, 704 S.E.2d 372 (2011)
- *Roan v. Anderson Trucking Service, Inc.*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27894 (M.D. Ga.2008)
- *Mitsubishi Motors Corp. v. Colemon*, 290 Ga. App. 86 (2008)
- *Murrell v. Cargill Meat Logistics Solutions, Inc.*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9134 (M.D. Ga. 2007)
- *Sullen v. Worth County Board of Education*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 65035 (M.D. Ga. 2007)
- *Thompson v. Robby Thruston Carpentry, Inc.*, 68 Va. Cir. 43 (Richmond Cir. Ct. 2005)
- *Velocity Express Mid-Atlantic v. Hugen*, 266 Va. 188, 585 S.E.2d 557 (2003)
- *American Communications Network v. Williams*, 264 Va. 336, 568 S.E.2d 683 (2002)
- *Chase v. Scotts Co.*, 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 28655 (D. Md. 2002)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Pro Bono Work, Commonwealth Catholic Charities