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An experienced trial lawyer, Danielle advises and represents individuals, professionals, businesses, and insurers in a variety of civil cases pending in Virginia's state and federal courts. She focuses her practice on matters involving sexual assault/abuse claims, professional liability, transportation liability, restaurant and retail liability, commercial disputes, and other civil issues. Danielle has extensive experience in all phases of litigation, from pre-suit investigation and discovery management to dispositive motions and trial, as well as in various forms of alternative dispute resolution.



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Professional Activities & Honors

- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
 - Auto & Transportation Liability Section
 - Vice-Chair (2021 – 2022)
 - Chair (2022 – 2023)
 - [VADA Member Spotlight](#)
- Defense Research Institute
- CLM (Claims and Litigation Management Alliance)
- Richmond Bar Association
 - Member, Bench-Bar Conference Civil Subcommittee
- Henrico County Bar Association
- Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association
 - Board Member
 - Chair, Mentorship Committee (2022)
 - Co-Chair, Programs Committee (2020-2022)
 - Member, Judicial Endorsement Committee
- Federal Bar Association, Richmond Chapter
 - Board Member
 - Member, Bylaws Committee
- Virginia Business Legal Elite (2020 – 2023)
 - Young Lawyer
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch (2021 – 2025)
 - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants
- Virginia Super Lawyers – Rising Stars (2024)
 - Civil Litigation: Defense

Publications

- The Journal of Civil Litigation – *Constructive Service via Statutory Agent: Please (Strictly) Comply!*, Vol. XXXIII, No. 2, Summer 2021

Representative Experience

- Successful in vacating three default judgments totaling \$1.63 million arising out of a contested liability, double-fatality motor vehicle collision.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice in federal court of \$10 million wrongful death case where a tree fell onto a mobile home, killing a minor. The Court held that Plaintiff did not allege any common law or statutory duty upon which relief could be granted against the defendant mobile home park.
- Obtained jury verdict for less than half of plaintiff's \$600,000 in medical bills in admitted liability auto accident case with some uncontested bills.
- Obtained a defense verdict following jury trial in favor of driver in negligence action.
- Obtained a jury verdict for less than amount of claimed medical bills in a clear liability auto accident case where the bills were uncontested.
- Represented a driver in a negligence action with allegations of significant kidney damage in motor vehicle accident resulting in a favorable settlement prior to trial.

The cases referenced above do not represent the lawyer's entire record. Each case must be evaluated on its own facts. The outcome of a particular case cannot be based on past results.

Presentations

- Great Answers to Tough Questions: Q&A Panel, Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference, Professional Development Conference, April 2021

Education

- Texas A&M University, B.A. (2011)
- University of Richmond School of Law, J.D. (2014)
 - J. Westwood Smithers Merit Scholarship
 - A. D. Williams Merit Scholarship

Bar & Court Admissions

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