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Julie represents individuals and businesses in a wide variety of tort and contract claims in state and federal courts throughout Virginia. She focuses her practice on **professional liability**, premises liability, product liability and commercial disputes. Julie is also a member of Harman Claytor's Appellate Practice Group. She has significant experience handling appeals and authoring briefs, including briefs *amicus curiae*, in the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Education

- Mary Washington College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2000
- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2003

Professional Honors & Activities

- Henrico County Bar Association
 - President (2016 - 2017)
 - President-Elect (2015 - 2016)
 - Secretary (2014 - 2015)
 - Board of Directors (2013 - 2014)
- Richmond Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Richmond Chapter
 - Board (2013 - present)
- Virginia State Bar
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
 - Secretary (2019 -)
 - Board of Directors (2015 - present)
 - Chair, Appellate Advocacy Section (2014 - 2015)
 - Vice-Chair, Appellate Advocacy Section (2013 - 2014)
 - Board of Editors of Journal of Civil Litigation (2012 - present)
 - **Chair, Professional Liability Section (2009)**
- Defense Research Institute
- **PLUS - Professional Liability Underwriting Society**
- *Fortune Magazine*, Women Leaders in the Law (2015)
- Virginia Super Lawyer, Rising Stars, Civil Litigation Defense (2009 - 2018)
- Virginia Super Lawyers, Civil Litigation Defense (2020 - 2021)
- *Virginia Business* Legal Elite
 - Under 40 (2010, 2014, 2016 - 2018)
 - Civil Litigation (2019 & 2020)
- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Rated

Bar & Court Admissions

- Virginia State Bar, 2003
- United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Publications

- The Journal of Civil Litigation – Injuries on Rental Properties and Claims Against Nonowners: Anatomy of the Defense, Vol. XXIX, No. 1, Spring 2017
- **The Journal of Civil Litigation – Issues Affecting Damages in Legal Malpractice Cases, Vol. XXII, No. 1, Spring 2010**
- The Journal of Civil Litigation – An Alternative to the Sanction of Dismissal for Spoliation, Vol. XX, No. 4, Winter 2008-2009

Reported Cases

- Ford Motor Co. v. Boomer, 285 Va. 141 (2013) (Counsel for Amicus Curiae, Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys)
- Newman v. General Services Corp., 2012 WL 1882903 (E.D. Va. 2012), aff'd, 478 Fed. Appx 763, 2012 WL 4017441 (4th Cir. 2012)
- Williams v. Anderson, 2012 WL 5928644 (E.D. Va. 2012)
- Saza, Inc. v. Zota, 2012 WL 527370 (E.D. Va. 2012)
- Koegler v. Green, 78 Va. Cir. 478, 2009 WL 7339901 (Hanover)
- Reynolds v. Crown Equip. Corp., 2008 WL 2465032 (W.D. Va. 2008)
- Augusta Mutual Insurance Co. v. Mason, 274 Va. 199, 645 S.E.2d 290 (2007)

Representative Experience

- **Obtained defense verdict in seven-day jury trial of legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of the standard of care in defendant's handling of underlying premises liability suit.**
- Successfully defended husband and wife homeowners in wrongful death case arising out of electrocution incident on property.
- Successfully defended owners and managers of apartment complex in wrongful death case arising out of murder of a tenant.
- Successfully defended moving company in wrongful death/negligent hiring case filed by Personal Representative of customer who was allegedly killed by company's employee after a move.
- Successfully defended owners and managers of apartment complex in negligent hiring case filed by tenant who was attacked and sexually assaulted by temporary maintenance employee.
- Obtained dismissal of multi-count Complaint against owner and property manager of apartment complex in case of claimed carbon monoxide exposure allegedly caused by defective stove and furnace in leased premises.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of property manager of apartment complex in case filed by injured tenant who fell when porch railing detached.
- Obtained dismissal of property manager of apartment building in case filed by injured tenant who fell down elevator shaft.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of claim against snow/ice removal contractor in case filed by injured store customer.
- Obtained judgment in favor of sporting goods store in case filed by minor plaintiff injured while using weights in store.
- Obtained dismissal of landlord in case filed by injured tenant who sustained serious burns from boiling water, which fell on him when sink separated from wall.
- Successfully defended seller of vehicle in products liability case filed by paraplegic plaintiff who was rear passenger in vehicle and who alleged that seller failed to adequately inspect allegedly defective seatbelt.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of service/maintenance provider for forklift owned by plaintiff's employer. Plaintiff sustained serious injuries when cab of forklift went into free fall from forty feet.
- Successfully defended manufacturer/designer of stacker crane in traumatic brain injury case involving alleged deficiencies with design of crane.
- Successfully defended manufacturer of polyester round slings used in installation of overhead bridge crane. 25,000-pound steel girder fell on manlifts occupied by plaintiffs, who alleged slings were defectively designed.
- Successfully defended designer/manufacturer of custom-built motorcycle frame in motorcycle accident case involving significant injuries.
- Successfully defended tool distributor in products liability case arising after drill bit was ejected from milling machine, striking plaintiff between eyes and causing blindness, traumatic brain injury and other catastrophic injuries.
- Successfully defended welding shop in two separate wrongful death cases involving the collapse of a manlift boom. Client had done repair work on the boom prior to the incident sued upon.
- Successfully defended restaurant in lawsuit filed by plaintiff who allegedly discovered used bandage in salad served at defendant's restaurant.
- **Successfully defended legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of standard of care in defendant's handling and trial of underlying commercial litigation. During course of case, succeeded in getting plaintiff's expert excluded and in obtaining partial judgment in favor of client.**
- **Obtained dismissal of legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of standard of care in defendant's handling of underlying loan closing.**
- **Successfully defended legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of standard of care in defendant's handling of underlying corporate matters, including exchange of stock of several closely held entities.**
- **Successfully defended legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of standard of care in defendant's handling and trial of underlying divorce case.**
- **Successfully defended legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of standard of care in defendant's handling of underlying domestic matter. Case involved allegations of undue influence and fraud in connection with settlement of underlying case**
- **Successfully defended legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of standard of care in defendant's handling of underlying personal injury matter. Case involved allegations of missed deadlines and fraud.**
- **Obtained summary judgment on behalf of defendant in legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of**

standard of care in defendant's handling of underlying personal injury case. Case involved allegations of poor settlement evaluation.

- **Successfully defended legal malpractice case involving allegations of various breaches of standard of care in defendant's handling and trial of underlying medical malpractice case.**
- Obtained dismissal of railroad in premises liability case filed by plaintiff who tripped and fell in holes in road at crossing. Plaintiff alleged significant injuries, including traumatic brain injury.
- Successfully defended railroad company in wrongful death case arising out of crossing accident.
- **Successfully handled appeal of professional liability case filed against insurance agent. Trial court's dismissal of case against agent was upheld on appeal.**
- Successfully defended car dealership in slip-and-fall case involving elderly customer who fell on ice and snow.
- Successfully defended convenience store in slip-and-fall case involving customer who allegedly slipped and fell in oil in parking lot.
- Successfully defended carpentry contractor in wrongful death case arising out of trip-and-fall on allegedly defective steps at resort.

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.