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Matt is originally from North Carolina, but has lived in Virginia since 2008. He completed his clerkship in the Alexandria Circuit Court and previously practiced at a firm in Richmond representing Virginia school boards. Matt's practice at Harman Claytor will focus on defending local governmental entities and school boards in matters related to state and federal constitutional claims, statutory discrimination claims, employment claims, and tort claims, including defamation and negligence.



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### Professional Activities & Honors

- Charlottesville Bar Association
- Henrico County Bar Association
- Richmond Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

### Education

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A. (2004)
- University of Central Florida, M.A. (2006)
- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D. (2019)
  - Note Editor for the *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice*
  - Vice-Chair of the Moot Court Executive Board

### 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

