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Stan Wellman has a broad civil litigation practice, which includes the areas of transportation and trucking, premises and products liability, construction, day care, defamation, sexual abuse, admiralty, aviation, toxic tort, and insurance coverage. Stan also regularly serves as a mediator and arbitrator, and he is an author and frequent lecturer on a wide variety of civil litigation-related issues.



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Professional Activities & Honors

- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
 - Award for Excellence in Civil Litigation (2025)
 - [Member Spotlight \(March 2019\)](#)
 - President (2008 – 2009)
 - Robert M. Furniss, Jr. Dedicated Service Award (2009)
 - [Virginia Lawyer's Weekly Profile \(November 10, 2008\)](#)
- Henrico County Bar Association
 - President (2009 – 2010)
- The Harmonie Group
 - Immediate Past President (2025 – 2027)
 - President (2023 – 2025)
 - Executive Committee (2022 – 2027)
 - Board of Directors (2017 – 2027)
- Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame (2025)
- [Leader in the Law](#), Virginia Lawyers Weekly (2011)
- Virginia Bar Association, Commission on Professionalism (2007 – 2010)
 - [Principles of Professionalism](#)
- Defense Research Institute
 - Exceptional Performance Citation (2008 – 2009)
- Fellow, Virginia Law Foundation
- Member, Boyd-Graves Conference
- Member, National Conference of Bar Presidents
- Master of the Bench, The John Marshall American Inn of Court
- Premium Member, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- [Martindale-Hubbell® AV Rated](#)
- [Avvo Rating: 10.0 \(Superb\)](#)
- Best Lawyers in America (2011 – 2026)
 - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

- “Lawyer of the Year” – Richmond, VA (2018, 2026)
- Virginia Business Legal Elite (2008 – 2025)
 - Civil Litigation
- Virginia Super Lawyers (2007 – 2026)
 - Civil Litigation: Defense
 - Top 10 Virginia Lawyers
 - Top 50 Lawyers in Richmond
 - Top 100 Lawyers in Virginia
- American Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- Richmond Bar Association
- Trucking Industry Defense Association
- Transportation Lawyers Association
- American Independent Trucker's Association
- American Association for Justice
- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association

Reported Cases

- *Estate of Patterson v. City of Danville, et al.*, 875 S.E.2d 5 (Va. 2022)
- *James River Ins. Co. v. Doswell Truck Stop, LLC, et al.*, 297 Va. 304, 827 S.E.2d 374 (2019)
- *Terry v. Irish Fleet, Inc.*, 296 Va. 129, 818 S.E.2d 788 (2018)
- *Patel v. Williamsburg Indoor Sports Complex*, Va. Sup. Ct., Record No. 130237 (2013)
- *Hesse v. Harleysville Mut. Ins. Co., et al.*, 364 Fed. Appx. 31, 2010 WL 411120 (4th Cir. 2010)
- *Schwinn v. Long and Foster Real Estate, Inc., et al.*, 2007 WL 4562818 (E.D. Va., 2008), *aff'd*, 362 Fed. Appx. 357, 2010 WL 283061 (4th Cir. 2010)
- *Isbell v. Commercial Invest. Assocs.*, 273 Va. 605, 644 S.E.2d 72 (2007)
- *Presley v. Rivanna Trails Foundation*, 464 F.3d 480 (2006)
- *Atkins v. Rice*, 266 Va. 328, 585 S.E.2d 550 (2003)
- *Lexie v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 251 Va. 390, 469 S.E.2d 61 (1996)
- *McAlpin v. Leeds & Northrup, Co.*, 912 F. Supp. 297 (W.D. Va., 1996)
- *Vermont Mut. Ins. Co. v. Everette*, 875 F. Supp. 1181 (E.D. Va., 1995)
- *State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Major*, 239 Va. 375, 389 S.E.2d 307 (1990)
- *State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Jones*, 238 Va. 467, 383 S.E.2d 734 (1989)

Education

- West Virginia University, B.A., *cum laude* (1984)
- University of Richmond, J.D. (1987)
 - Law Review, Editorial Board

Bar & Court Admissions

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