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Stan Wellman was born at Edwards AFB, California in 1962. He has a broad civil litigation practice, which includes the areas of transportation, premises and products liability, commercial, construction, day care and nursing home, professional liability, defamation, and insurance coverage. Stan also 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
  - President (2008 – 2009)
  - [VADA Member Spotlight \(March, 2019\)](#)
  - [Virginia Lawyer's Weekly Profile \(November 10, 2008\)](#)
  - Robert M. Furniss, Jr. Dedicated Service Award (2009)
- Henrico County Bar Association, President (2009 – 2010)
- Virginia Bar Association, Commission on Professionalism (2007 – 2010)
  - [Professional Guidelines](#)
- The Harmonie Group
  - President (2023 – 2025)
  - Board of Directors (2017 – present )
- Defense Research Institute
  - Exceptional Performance Citation (2010)
  - Trucking Law Committee
  - Product Liability Committee
  - Retail & Hospitality Committee
  - Commercial Litigation Committee
  - Insurance Law Committee
- Master of the Bench, The John Marshall American Inn of Court
- Premium Member, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- American Bar Association
  - Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee
  - Products Liability Committee
  - Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee
  - Automobile Law Committee
- Virginia Bar Association
  - Civil Litigation Section
  - Transportation Law Section
- Richmond Bar Association

- Litigation Section
- Trucking Industry Defense Association
- Transportation Lawyers Association
- American Independent Trucker's Association
- American Association for Justice
- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association
- [Leader in the Law](#), Virginia Lawyers Weekly (2011)
- Fellow, Virginia Law Foundation
- Member, Boyd-Graves Conference
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
  - Barrister, Order of Justitia
  - Advocate, Order of Certus
  - Member, Trial Law Institute
  - Member, Diversity Law Institute
- Best Lawyers in America (2011 – 2024)
  - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
  - “Lawyer of the Year” – Richmond Area (2018 – 2019)
- Virginia Business Legal Elite (2008 – 2023)
  - Civil Litigation
- Virginia Super Lawyers (2007 – 2024)
  - Civil Litigation: Defense
  - Top 10 Virginia Lawyers (2019 & 2024)
  - Top 50 Lawyers in Richmond (2012 – 2024)
  - Top 100 Lawyers in Virginia (2012 – 2024)
  - 10 Years Selected to Virginia Super Lawyers
- Virginia Super Lawyers – Business Edition (2008 – 2016)
  - Civil Litigation: Defense
- [Martindale-Hubbell® AV Rated](#)



## 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. Everett*, 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 and Western Districts of Virginia
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court