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REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- ✔ Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a global warehouse retailer in a \$750,000 personal injury action in federal district court and prevailed on appeal to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.
- ✔ Obtained a defense verdict following a jury trial in the U.S.D.C. Maryland in a suit alleging malicious prosecution, false imprisonment, assault, battery and punitive damages.
- ✔ Successful conclusion of trade secret matter under Virginia Trade Secret Act.
- ✔ Obtained \$1.29M arbitration award for purchaser of business defrauded by seller.
- ✔ Excluded the plaintiff's liability expert through a successful Daubert challenge in the USDC, Eastern Dist. of VA in claim against national discount retailer.
- ✔ Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a national discount retailer in a \$20M mild traumatic brain injury suit pending in U.S.D.C. Eastern District of Virginia, and prevailed on appeal to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.
- ✔ Pre-trial dismissal of a pedestrian versus vehicle accident seeking \$500,000
- ✔ Obtained summary judgment on behalf of an interstate trucking company and its driver in a \$1.5M personal injury suit pending in the USDC, Western Dist. of VA.
- ✔ Jury trial defense verdict in a single vehicle \$300,000 personal injury claim where the passenger sued the driver.
- ✔ Obtained a \$3,000 jury verdict in an admitted liability personal injury automobile accident case where the plaintiff's claimed medical bills totaled in excess of \$15,000.



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ABOUT McCANDLISH HOLTON LITIGATION

Our Litigation Team is comprised of trial attorneys with over 80 years of experience practicing before the state and federal courts in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Because of our home office location in Richmond, Virginia, our Litigation Team has developed a particular familiarity and expertise litigating matters in **every** division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia—the famed "Rocket Docket"—as well as the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Our attorneys and support staff represent our clients' interests, balancing when a matter needs to be handled aggressively, or when an efficient and cost-effective resolution is appropriate.

CAPABILITIES

- Property Damage
- General Liability
- Premises Liability
- Professional Liability
- Auto, Trucking & Specialized Vehicles
- Product Liability
- Machinery & Major Equipment
- Construction
- Employment Practices Liability
- Excess limits
- Coverage Counsel
- Complex Torts
- Toxic Torts

ADMISSIONS

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"I want to thank you again for working on our behalf. You have probably heard the saying: *You can't be something to everyone but you can be everything to someone.* You were everything to us! You are rock stars!"
- Defense Client following Jury Trial



BARRETT J. ENIX

Barret has recently obtained three defense verdicts for local, small businesses against claims of personal injury, fraud and breach of contract, using aggressive trial tactics.

MICHAEL H. GLADSTONE

Mike has extensive trial experience in the State and Federal Courts in Virginia, Washington DC, and Maryland. Especially, including trucking and transportation, fire cases, and expert witness practice.

J. MATTHEW HAYNES, JR.

Matthew successfully excluded a claimants expert in a Daubert challenge, and obtained summary judgment on a \$20 mil TBI case where the claimant produced upwards of 50 pre-trial exhibits.

BRENNAN C. MORRISSETT

Recently, Brennan successfully struck punitive damages claims and argued limiting jury instructions after eliciting key witness testimony resulting in a five minute jury defense verdict.

JAMES M. SNYDER

A seasoned trial attorney, Jim has recently obtained a defense verdict reducing a claim for \$2 mil to \$85,000 in a jury trial: A significantly lower amount than the final pre-trial offer.

MEGAN N. WATSON

Megan honed her skills as a Fact Maven while working for the Office of the Atty General in Va., specifically helping to defend the Commonwealth against a multi million dollar claim by an inmate.

DISTINCTIVE SPECIALITIES

▶ Alternative Dispute Resolution

In the right case, ADR can be ideal for both parties. Virginia has excellent options for ADR through the program sponsored by the Supreme Court of Va, involving volunteer retired judges, and through a wealth of prominent, private ADR services.

▶ Civil Rights Claims

Just 5 minutes. When defended expertly, that may be all it takes for a jury to give a defense verdict in these civil rights cases involving allegations of malicious prosecution, false imprisonment, assault, battery and punitive damages, under federal law 42 U.S.C, such as, § 1981 and § 1983.

▶ Virginia Consumer Protection Act

Virginia Consumer Protection Act claims center around allegedly false misrepresentations, whether intentional or otherwise, and provide for treble damages and attorneys fees, seriously inflating damages. VCPA claims can come up in any consumer transaction scenario, and can be brought in Virginia even if none of the events that lead to them happen in Virginia so long as the "damaged" person or entity is in Virginia.

▶ IP Law: Trademark, Copyright & Trade Secret

Build the proper protections and defend against and/or pursue IP infringement claims, especially as it relates to departing employees, and NDA and non-solicitation enforcements.

▶ UM/UIM Claims

Clients receive proactive education to coordinate strategy as we closely monitor the recent UM/UIM statute change in Virginia.

MEMBERSHIPS

CLM | Claims Litigation Management

IADC | International Association of Defense Counsel

NRDA | National Restaurant & Retail Defense Association

NADC | National Association of Defense Counsel

DRI | Defense Research Institute

VADA | Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

VBA | Virginia Bar Association

VSB | Virginia State Bar