

Douglas E. Penner



Doug is a partner with the firm and member of the Litigation and Healthcare Law practice groups. His multifaceted experience in the areas of medical malpractice defense, risk management, data privacy, cybersecurity and healthcare law brings tremendous depth and experience to his practice representing hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, nurses and other health care providers in courts throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and North Carolina. His unique combination of defending claims and risk management gives him an unparalleled ability to understand and counsel clients on critical matters of risk mitigation. Doug's advocacy role also extends to healthcare providers who are faced with disciplinary proceedings before their respective professional licensing boards as well as credentialing and peer review actions. His legal expertise includes professional liability defense of accountants, architects, engineers, realtors, and lawyers. In addition, Doug has extensive litigation experience representing municipalities, public agencies, businesses and individuals in a wide range of civil litigation matters including complex litigation involving construction design and defect, product liability, automobile, premises, catastrophic personal injury and property damage.

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Practice Areas

Litigation, Practice Group Chair
Healthcare Law
Medical Malpractice Defense
Professional Liability
State Board Licensing and Credentialing
Government and Public Sector
Cybersecurity & Data Privacy

Businesses & Industries

Hospitals and Health Systems
Healthcare Professionals
Medical Staff, Credentialing and Peer Review
Long-Term Care Facilities
Local Government Officials
Public Agencies

Honors & Awards

AV[®] Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
Coastal Virginia Magazine, "Top Lawyers" -Medical Malpractice Defense (2020—2025); Insurance Defense (2023)
Go To Lawyer—Medical Malpractice Law; *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, 2023
Virginia Business Magazine, "Legal Elite" - Health Law, 2023, 2024

Education

The Catholic University of America, J.D., 1998
James Madison University, B.A., 1992

Bar Admissions

Virginia State Bar
North Carolina State Bar

Court Admissions

Commonwealth of Virginia
North Carolina
United States District Court for Eastern District of Virginia
United States District Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit

Memberships

Virginia State Bar (Board of Governors, Health Law Section 2013-2017); Past Chair Health Law Section (2015-2016)
Virginia Bar Association - Health Law and Civil Litigation Sections
North Carolina State Bar
North Carolina Bar Association
Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association
Virginia Beach Bar Association
Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
Defense Research Institute
Virginia Association of Hospital Risk Managers