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Heather is a seasoned litigator practicing in the areas of product liability, commercial litigation, construction litigation, and complex civil litigation on behalf of corporate clients and product manufacturers. Heather has spent her career defending manufacturers of consumer products, pharmaceuticals, and automobiles in bet-the-company catastrophic injury and wrongful death litigation in state and federal courts. She also has experience handling complex commercial disputes and contract litigation for a variety of retail, finance, real estate, and construction clients. Heather has tried bench and jury trials to verdict as first and second chair and has extensive experience developing all aspects of case strategy. She has been a key member of trial teams involved in some of the most complex and high-profile litigations of the last decade.

In 2023, Heather was named a "Leader in the Law" by Virginia Lawyers Weekly. She was selected for not only her legal practice but also for being a passionate advocate for diversity, inclusion, and mentoring in the legal profession. Heather has also been recognized nationally by Best Lawyers in America in the areas of Commercial Litigation (2023-2025), Product Liability Defense (2023-2024), and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action Defense (2023-2024). She was also recognized by Legal 500 for Dispute Resolution in the area of product liability, mass tort, and class action defense (2023).

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Experience

- First- and second-chaired state and federal court tort and contract actions.
- Managed a complex litigation docket of hundreds of active cases as national counsel for a manufacturer of industrial fuel purification systems. Coordinated case strategy for local

Education

University of Richmond School of Law,
JD (2009)

- *Richmond Journal of Law and Technology*, Managing Editor
- Intellectual Property Certificate
- Pro Bono Certificate
- Greater Richmond Intellectual Property Law Association Award for Excellence

University of Maryland, BA/BS, with
honors (2006)

Admissions

Virginia

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District
of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Western District
of Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District
of Michigan

Practice Areas

counsel in more than 20 states and, through jurisdictional objections and dispositive motions, developed consistent defensive strategies with an emphasis on early resolution

- Developed “case-in-a-box” strategies for an international automotive manufacturer to reduce litigation expenses and ensure consistent case handling across multiple vehicle lines and component products.

Educational Activities

- University of Richmond School of Law
 - Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Competition
 - Client Counseling and Negotiation Board

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney’s inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Commercial Litigation (2025-2026)
- [Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation](#)(2025)
- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#)[Ones to Watch](#), Commercial Litigation (2023–2024), Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants (2023–2024), Products Liability – Defendants (2023–2024)
- [Legal 500 United States](#), Dispute Resolution: Product Liability, mass tort and class action -- defense: Automotive/Transport (2023)

Professional Activities

- The National LGBTQ+ Bar Association
- Virginia Equality Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Virginia Automobile Dealers Association (VADA)
- Richmond Bar Association

Litigation

[Commercial Litigation & Business Torts](#)

[Products Liability - Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices](#)

[Products Liability - Consumer & Mechanical](#)

[Class Action & Multi-Claim Litigation](#)

[Construction and Construction Transactions](#)

Industries

[Construction and Construction Transactions](#)

[Consumer Products & Retail](#)

[Life Sciences, Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices](#)

[Manufacturing](#)

[Automobiles & Other Motor Vehicles](#)