



JAMES M. SNYDER

LITIGATION

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Jim is a trial lawyer and a Director in the Litigation Practice Group.

He represents insureds, insurance carriers and self-insured entities, focusing on automobile and truck accidents, slip/trip and fall claims, and product liability lawsuits.

Having tried dozens of jury trials to verdict, Jim's passion is the courtroom. From pre-suit investigation, through discovery and expert preparation, to trial, Jim is driven to achieve the best result for his clients.

Mindful that the best result is dependent on the facts and the client's goals, whether it be settlement or dismissal, Jim works with his clients to formulate a plan and executes it to facilitate the most favorable outcome.

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

RECOGNITIONS

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Virginia Business Magazine*, Legal Elite, Civil Litigation, since 2019
- Super Lawyers®
 - Civil Litigation Defense, since 2024
 - Personal Injury Litigation- Defense, since 2021
 - Rising Stars® 2008, 2011, 2012
- Best Lawyers®
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, since 2021
 - Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, since 2021

EDUCATION

- Indiana University, J.D., cum laude, 1999
- Mary Washington College, cum laude, 1996

PERTINENT REPORTED DECISIONS

- *Brown v. Walton*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 139373 (E.D. Va. Aug. 16, 2018). Dismissal of various alleged violations of inmate's Constitutional rights.
- *Scott v. CG Bellkor*, 2017 U.S. Dist LEXIS 44944 (E.D. Va. Mar. 27, 2017). Dismissal of claim as barred by Virginia Workers' Compensation exclusivity provision.
- *William H. Rogers v. Dow AgroSciences, LLC*, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 74881 (October 16, 2006). Defeated Plaintiffs' motion to add non-diverse defendants or to stay federal proceedings in favor of a later filed state action.
- *William H. Rogers v. Dow AgroSciences, LLC*, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 49899 (July 21, 2006). Defeated Plaintiffs' motion to remand and amend their complaint to add non-diverse defendants to a case properly removed on diversity grounds.

RECENT OUTCOMES

- Voluntary dismissal with prejudice of \$5,000,000 slip and fall case with alleged brain injury after discovery of Plaintiff's fraudulent behavior in bringing suit. \$0 paid.
- Defense verdict in million dollar lawsuit against trucking company and its driver for allegedly failing to keep a proper lookout resulting in catastrophic personal injury
- Verdict of less than one-half last pre-trial offer in alleged brain injury case brought by passenger on motorcycle against driver of turning vehicle
- Defense verdict in seventeen minutes in suit alleging employer's vicarious liability for alleged victim of co-worker assault

INVOLVEMENT

- CLM | Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- DRI | Defense Research Institute
- VADA | Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
- Henrico County Bar Association
- University of Richmond School of Law, Adjunct Assistant Professor: First Year Legal Writing Instructor, 2004-2011

