

RODNEY S. DILLMAN

Equity Partner

Rod Dillman is a Partner in the firm's Virginia Beach office, and has achieved *Martindale-Hubbell's* highest rating (AV) for legal ability and ethical standards. Mr. Dillman is licensed to practice in Virginia and North Carolina. Much of his practice involves representing and advising healthcare providers and other professionals. He has also handled defamation lawsuits, personal injury lawsuits, contract disputes, and collections matters. He has represented hospitals in petitions for guardianship, conservatorship, and judicial authorization for medical consent. He has experience in assisting professionals under investigation by state agencies, including the Virginia Department of Health Professions and the Virginia Department of Professional Regulation.

Mr. Dillman provides risk management to businesses of all types, and general healthcare law counsel to his healthcare clients.

Associations and Professional Memberships

American Health Lawyers Association
Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association
North Carolina State Bar
Virginia Beach Bar Association
Virginia State Bar

Career Highlights

AV Preeminent®, *Martindale-Hubbell*
"Rising Star," *Virginia Super Lawyers* - Medical Malpractice Defense (2008 - 2012)
"Super Lawyer," *Virginia Super Lawyers* - Medical Malpractice Defense (2013 - 2023)
"Legal Elite," *Virginia Business Magazine*
Virginia Medical Law Reports' Million Dollar Defense Verdicts (2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019)
Top Lawyers of Coastal Virginia (2022)



Practice Areas

General Tort, Insurance, and Product Liability Defense
Health Regulatory Boards
Legal Malpractice
Medical Malpractice
Medical Malpractice — Long-Term Care/Assisted Living Facility

Licensure

North Carolina
Virginia

Academic Credentials

University of Virginia, B.A.
Washington & Lee University School of Law, J.D.

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Trial Results

2013

- [Baer v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Chesapeake Circuit Court](#)

2016

- [Bradley v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Chesapeake Circuit Court](#)

2017

- [E/O Carden v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Virginia Beach Circuit Court](#)

2018

- [Knight v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Chesapeake Circuit Court](#)
- [Pitts v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Norfolk Circuit Court](#)

2019

- [Seamster v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Lynchburg Circuit Court](#)
- [Crawford v. Defendant Healthcare Provider. - Virginia Beach Circuit Court](#)
- [Phillips v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Chesapeake Circuit Court](#)
- [Johnston v. Defendant Healthcare Provider. - Norfolk Circuit Court](#)

2021

- [Hartranft v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Virginia Beach Circuit Court](#)
- [Hill v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Norfolk Circuit Court](#)
- [White v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Virginia Beach Circuit Court](#)

2022

- [Curtis v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Prince William County](#)
- [Carminati v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Newport News Circuit Court](#)

2023

- [Anderson v. Defendant Healthcare Provider - Chesapeake Circuit Court](#)

Publications

"Pay Attention to Warning Signs: Accepting Difficult Patients for Treatment Can Lead to Trouble, Much Unhappiness," The Bulletin, (co-authored with Elizabeth Franklin).

"Don't Get Killed by the Dead Man's Statute," Virginia Medical Law Report, 4 M.L.R. 45, 55.

Speaking Engagements

"The Legal Success and Failures of Documentation" – NAPA Quality Palooza – Fairfax, VA

"Opioid Management" – Virginia Podiatric Medical Association Annual Meeting and Scientific Seminar – Norfolk, VA

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“Malpractice Risk in Telemedicine” – Specialists on Call – Reston, VA

Mock Trial for Emergency Physicians of Tidewater – Norfolk, VA

“Medical Matters: Pain Management/Opioid Prescribing” – Virginia Beach, VA

“Risk Management in Emergency Medicine” – Norfolk, VA

“Legal Matters: Standard of Care” – Resident Talk (Radiologists) – Norfolk, VA

“Cyber Liability” – Neurology Consultants of Tidewater – Norfolk, VA

“Privacy Violation Claims in the Era of EMR and HIPAA” – Mid-Atlantic Women’s Care Presentation – Virginia Beach, VA
“HIPAA for Physicians (Keeping it Confidential)” – Norfolk, VA

“Anesthesia: Medical Malpractice in Virginia and Lessons Learned from Closed Claims” – Williamsburg, VA