

RODNEY S. DILLMAN

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 - 2020)
"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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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

"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

Products Liability – A Practical Skills Class "Using Experts" – Virginia Beach, VA

"Cyber Liability" – Tidewater Kidney Specialists – Virginia Beach, VA

"Dental Malpractice and Risk Management: Avoiding Pitfalls, Dodging Traps" – Portsmouth Suffolk Dental Study Club – Suffolk, VA

"Risk Management & Documentation" – Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center – Norfolk, VA

"Dental Malpractice and Risk Management: Avoiding Pitfalls, Dodging Traps" – Virginia Beach Dental Society – Virginia Beach, VA

"Documentation of Issues and Deposition Traps" – St. Francis Nursing Center – Newport News, VA

"Medical Malpractice: A Primer for Physician Assistants" - Virginia Association of Physician Assistants - Summer CME Conference

"Physician Extenders and Virginia Law Pertaining To Them" - Riverside Regional Medical Center – Newport News, VA

"Career Planning and Networking" - Washington & Lee University School of Law

"Long Term Care Litigation Issues" – Presentation for Tidewater Chapter of VHCA – Virginia Beach, VA

"Avoid the Pain – A Pain Management Doctor's Survival Guide" - Williamsburg, VA

"Advance Directives – Their Purposes & Legal Requirements" - Virginia Beach, VA

"Documentation: Legal Prospective on Best and Worst Case Scenarios" - Mid-Atlantic Neonatal and Perinatal Summit

"Medical Malpractice: An Overview" - Eastern Virginia Medical School

"Legal Pearls for Nursing Practice" - 12th Annual Neonatal and Perinatal Perspectives Conference

"Advance Directives" - Oakdale Heights Senior Living