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Born into a family of lawyers, Adam grew up with a healthy appetite for trial work, which, coupled with his experience as an Honor Counsel while at the University of Virginia, led to his desire to become a lawyer. His experience spans virtually the entire litigation process, and he has substantial first-chair experience representing clients at hearings, pretrial conferences, and mediation. Adam also has significant experience taking and defending depositions of fact and expert witnesses, and has prepared numerous dispositive motions, motions *in limine*, and appellate briefs.

Adam enjoys the collaborative nature of working with his clients and the opportunity he gets to develop creative solutions to the unique challenges presented by each case. He is a member of the defense team working on the serial litigation over Roundup herbicide, as well as a member of the team representing Sherwin-Williams in a public lawsuit related to environmental contamination. Known to hold himself to a high standard, Adam is a straight shooter and a solid addition to the firm's trial teams.

Prior to joining the firm, Adam defended corporate and individual clients in a variety of civil litigation matters, including employment, products liability, and whistleblower lawsuits before federal and state courts and before administrative agencies. In one representative matter, he investigated and negotiated the resolution of nationwide claims arising out of an E. coli O157:H7 infectious outbreak linked to a popular consumer product.

Adam received his J.D. from American University Washington College of Law, where he won the David B. Newman, Jr. & Kathryn R. Newman Prize for Trial Advocacy and was a member of the *Administrative Law Review* and the Moot Court Honor Society. During law school, he had internships with the Honorable Michael L. Rankin of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and the Energy and Power Subcommittee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Adam received his B.A. from the University of Virginia, where he graduated with a double major in History and Government and a minor in Economics. He was a member of the University of Virginia's Honor System and the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society.

When not practicing law, Adam enjoys working on his golf game and spending time with his wife and their pandemic puppy.

Services

Complex Litigation
Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
Toxic Torts & Products Liability

Education

American University Washington College of Law (J.D., 2014, *cum laude*)
University of Virginia (B.A., 2011)

Admissions

District of Columbia and Virginia
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
United States District Courts for the District of Maryland, and Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia

Memberships

William B. Bryant American Inn of Court