

## **THOMAS W. WILLIAMSON, JR.**

Tom is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and from T. C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond and a member of the law firm of Williamson Law LC, Richmond, Virginia.

Tom is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (President 1995-96), Virginia Bar Association, American Bar Association (Litigation Section), American Trial Lawyers Association, Richmond Bar Association, Boyd Graves Conference (Chair 2002-03) and John Marshall Inn of Court (President 1995-96).

Tom has lectured and written extensively on civil procedure, civil trial tactics, expert witnesses, evidence, product liability and medical malpractice.

*Richmond Magazine* selected Tom as the best lawyer in medical malpractice, products liability and personal injury litigation based upon a survey of 2,000 practicing attorneys.

Tom is listed in "Best Lawyers in America."

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION:**

B.A. in History, Virginia Military Institute, 1972

J.D. University of Richmond, T. C. Williams School of Law, 1976, member of *University of Richmond Law Review*, Chancellor McNeill Law Society.

### **BAR MEMBERSHIP:**

Bar Admission: Virginia State Bar (Admitted 1976)

United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts  
of Virginia

United States Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Member, Commission on Virginia Courts in the 21st Century Supreme Court of Virginia

Boyd Graves Conference (Chair 2002-2003)

Boyd Graves Conference Evidence Committee (Chair 2013-14)

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (President 1995-96)

John Marshall Inn of Court (President 1995-96)

Virginia State Bar Third District Disciplinary Committee 1989-1991

Faculty, Virginia State Bar Professionalism Course 1990

Faculty, Virginia College of Trial Advocacy

Virginia Bar Association (Member Civil Litigation Council)

American Bar Association (Member Litigation and Tort and Insurance Practice Law Section)

Richmond Bar Association

Richmond Trial Lawyers Association (President 1986-87)

Association of Trial Lawyers of America

## HONORS:

Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*. Best Lawyers® selects lawyers for inclusion based solely upon evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers. Best Lawyers® named Tom **Lawyer of the Year for Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs in 2013**. Tom Williamson was previously honored as the **2009 Lawyer of the Year for Personal Injury Litigation (Virginia)** based upon his particularly high level of peer recognition.

*Super Lawyers* 2015 Annual List Top Attorneys In Virginia & West Virginia Personal Injury Medical Malpractice Plaintiff.

Named by *Richmond Magazine* as the best lawyer in medical malpractice, product liability and personal injury litigation based upon a survey of 2,000 practicing attorneys.

2014 Recipient, John Marshall Inn of Court Murray Janus Professionalism Award for Professionalism, Mentoring and Perseverance.

2022 Recipient, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Lifetime Achievement Award.

## PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES:

Author, Virginia CLE Civil Discovery in Virginia, Chapter 9, Discovery of Experts, (Virginia CLE 6th Ed. 2022).

Speaker, Virginia CLE “Virginia’s Deadman Statute: Rules (of Evidence) from the Grave”. June 6, 2021.

Panelist, State and Federal Civil Practice - “Expert Witnesses: Considerations in Federal & State Court” Bench Bar Conference October 22, 2015.

Cross Examination of Defense Medical Expert, *A Trial From Start To Finish* VTLA Program Sept. 23, 2014.

VTLA Annual Convention. Expert Cross Exam Prep: Kick It Up a Notch March 23, 2013.

Author, Damages Law: Pain, Lost Earning Capacity, Life Expectancy and More... VTLA Damages Law: Pain, Lost Earning Capacity, Life Expectancy and More... February 24, 2012.

Moderator Ethical Pitfalls: Panel Discussion. VTLA Evidence For the Trial Lawyer Seminar October 19, 2011.

VTLA Annual Convention. The Amount Sought Should be Reported to the Jury During Voir Dire, Opening Statement and Summation, in Every Personal Injury Case March 13, 2009.

Panelist, Virginia CLE, Fee Agreements/Fee Disputes: Going for Gold, Going for Broke (Webcast Seminar) January 28, 2009.

Panelist, Ten Virginia Supreme Court Cases You Need to Fully Understand, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association 2008 Annual May Tort Law Seminar May 29, 2008.

Panelist, Virginia CLE, The Survivor's Guide to Expert Witnesses: From Selection Through Trial June 7, 2007.

Virginia CLE Civil Discovery in Virginia, Chapter 9, Discovery of Experts, (Virginia CLE 2d Ed. 2005).

VTLA Products Liability Retreat, Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, and Pacemakers, and pesticides . Federal Preemption in Product Liability Claims, November 11, 2005.

Author, The Deadman's Statute: Opportunities and Pitfalls, (VTLA Annual Convention, March 2004).

Author, Chapter 9, *Trial: Plaintiff's Perspective*, Medical Malpractice in Virginia (Virginia CLE 2d Ed. 2002).

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys Convention, *Admitting Into Evidence Computer Graphics and Simulations*, October 2002.

VTLA Annual Convention, *Independent Medical Exam*, March 31, 2002.

Virginia CLE *Civil Discovery in Virginia*, Chapter 9, *Discovery of Experts*, November 15, 2001.

VTLA Products Liability Retreat, *Private Rules and Product Liability in Virginia*, October 20, 2001.

VTLA Seminar, *Evaluating the Medical Malpractice Cases*, May 11, 2000.

Virginia CLE *Medical Malpractice Law in Virginia*, Chapter 9, *Trial, Plaintiff's Perspective*, April 19 and 20, 2000.

Virginia CLE, *Civil Discovery in Virginia*, Chapter 9, *Discovery of Experts*, 1999.

VTLA Advocacy Seminar, *"Using Medical Literature to Prove Damages"*, November 9, 1999.

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wound Care Symposium: Mid Atlantic Wound Care Conference: "Pressure Sores and the Law", October 15, 1999.

VTLA Convention, *Piercing the Armor: Approaches to Managed Care Liability*, March 25, 1999.

Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting, Health Care Law Section Panel: *The Changing Health Care Market and the Implications of Developments in the Law of Respondeat Superior*, June 1998.

Judicial Conference of Virginia, *Admissibility of Expert Witness Testimony in Virginia*, May 14, 1997

Virginia CLE *Medical Malpractice Law in Virginia*, Chapter 9, *Trial, Plaintiff's Perspective*, April 30 and May 1, 1997.

*Daubert: What it Means and How it Impacts on Expert Admissibility*, presented at Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Product Liability Retreat, September, 1996.

Virginia CLE *Recent Developments in Virginia Civil Practice and Procedure*, June 6 and 7, 1996  
*The Treating Physician as Expert Witness*, Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation 5 (1995)

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, *Recent Cases in the Law of Expert Testimony - Judicial Suspicion of Experts*, September 19, 1995

*Picking the Expert for the Product Liability Case*, Journal of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Fall 1994, Vol. 6, No. 4.

Virginia CLE, *Products Liability in Virginia - Theories of Recovery and Defenses*, September 21-22, 1994.

Virginia State Bar, Panel: *Medical Malpractice - Developing Issues*, June 17, 1994.

Judicial Conference of Virginia, Virginia Bar Association, Panel Discussion: *New Expert Witness Statute*, May 17, 1994.

Virginia CLE, Fourth Trial Practice in Virginia Seminar, *How to Avoid the Traps of the Trade - A Perspective from the Bench and Bar*, March 16, 1994.

Richmond Bar Association, *Pick A Jury and Avoid Reversal: Constitutional Considerations*, November 23, 1993.

Virginia CLE, A Morning with Masters of Trial Advocacy, *Negotiations and Settlement, Pretrial Motions, Jury Selection: The Plaintiff's Perspective*, September 23, 1993.

VTLA Convention, *Proving Medical Expenses after McMunn v. Tatum*, April, 1993.

Virginia CLE, Hot Tips for Litigators, *Effective Use of Depositions for Impeachment*, April 14, 1993.

*Working with Medical Experts and Records*, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, December 15, 1992.

Panelist, *Case Management: Whose Case Is It Anyway?* Richmond Bar Association, September 25, 1992.

*Rubber Hosing' and Other Case Resolution Methods*, Civil Litigation Section, Virginia Bar Association, July 24, 1992.

Judicial Conference of Virginia, Virginia Bar Association, *The Judicial Role in Promoting Professionalism in Virginia Courts*, May 12, 1992.

Virginia CLE, Trial Practice In Virginia: *How to Avoid The Traps of the Trade - A Perspective From the Bench and The Bar*, March 18, 1992.

Book Review, *Virginia Law of Products Liability*, by Gary Spahn and Robert Draim, University of Richmond Law Review, Fall 1991, Vol. 26, No. 1.

VTLA Seminar, *Claims Against Policies, Bad Faith*, May 1991.

Depositions: *Strategies, Tactics and Mechanics*, Professional Education Systems, Inc., April, 1991.

MCV, Advances in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical Malpractice Litigation, *Anatomy of a Malpractice Case from the Plaintiff's Perspective*, December 1, 1990.

VTLA Annual Tort Law Seminar, Voir Dire Demonstration, May, 1990.

*Recent Cases in the Law of Expert Testimony - Judicial Suspicion of Experts*, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention, April, 1990.

*Starting Off: Opening Statements and Buying In: Case Selection of Contingent Fee Cases*, Trial Advocacy in Virginia, National Business Institute, Inc., February, 1990.

*Examination and Cross-Examination of Medical Experts*, Medical Malpractice: Law, Theory and Practice for Attorneys, Physicians and Risk Managers, American Bar Association, May 1989.

*Medical Malpractice and the Law*, Emory & Henry College Annual Legal Seminar, November 1988.

*Theories of Recovery and Defenses, Products Liability From Conception to Interment*, Committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia Law Foundation, September 1988.

*Discovery and Preparation of the Medical Malpractice Case*, Medical Malpractice in Virginia, National Business Institute, Inc., March 1988.

*Claims Against Policies, Bad Faith, Sources of Coverage: Insurance Coverage for Personal Injury Actions in Virginia*, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, September 1986.

*Discovery and Preparation of the Medical Malpractice Case*, Medical Malpractice: Case Selection Through Verdict, Committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia Law Foundation, September 1986.

Presented *Trial Techniques for Demonstrative Evidence in Auto Accident and Personal Injury Cases*, authored by Mary Lynn Tate, VTLA Trial Tactics Seminar, November 1985.

*Proof of Pain and Suffering, Pain*, A Lawyer's Seminar on the Medical and Legal Aspects of Serious, Chronic or Disabling Pain, Committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia Law Foundation, October 1984.

*Taking The Deposition of an Adversary's Expert*, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Law Letter & Journal, June 1984.

Products Liability, *Breaking Away From the Pack*, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Trial Tactics Seminar, September 1983.

*Theories of Liability/The Parties, The Plaintiff's Perspective*, Trying Products Liability Cases, May 1981.

Co-author of *The Expert Witness and Hypothetical Question* Sources of Proof 1981, Committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia Law Foundation.