



SHAREHOLDER

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Practices

Product Liability

Litigation

Professional Liability Defense

Industries

Retail & Hospitality

Insurance

Commercial Transportation

Manufacturing

Professional Services

EDUCATION

University of Virginia, J.D., 1991

Howard University, B.A., *cum laude*,
1986

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Virginia

Terrence Graves offers dependable and experienced guidance as he defends commercial transportation, toxic torts, construction defects, and liability cases involving products, landlords, and premises.

Terrence brings principled support to first-party actions involving insurance coverage issues, with a niche supporting self-insured individuals and insurance companies. Terrence is a Shareholder and Co-Leader of the Litigation Group.

A thorough and steadfast ally, Terrence has over 26 years of experience in taking and defending depositions, arguing motions, trials, arbitrations and mediations. He carefully addresses your unique legal needs, customizing a unified and appropriately aggressive defense from when the case starts to its settlement, trial, or appeal. Terrence handles high exposure matters with diligence, and will offer judicious advice when investigating accidents and preserving evidence.

Terrence's passion for the law, work ethic, and integrity have helped clients navigate a vast range of complex legal issues. His deep legal talents include trying cases in a majority of judicial circuits and all federal district courts in Virginia. He has also been admitted pro hac vice in state courts in Maryland, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia. Further, Terrence is well acquainted with regulations issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality regulations among others. Terrence works to help his clients stay on track and protect their futures.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Terrence has successfully handled high-stake cases, such as:

- Obtaining a defense verdict for the driver of a tractor-trailer and his motor carrier employer. Plaintiff claimed traumatic brain injury and other damages due to allegations of negligence resulting from a rear-end collision with plaintiff's motor scooter.

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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Frequent lecturer on many aspects of law at the local, state, regional, and national levels.

Presented on Virginia procedure, transportation law, trial tactics, legal technology, general liability, landlord/tenant law, and other topics.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow

Bar Association of the City of Richmond, Immediate Past-President, Member of Board of Directors, 2005 - 2009, 2011 - Present

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

Defense Research Institute

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

Litigation Council of America, Senior Fellow

Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association

Transportation Lawyers Association

Trucking Industry Defense Association

Trucking Law Association

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, President 2007-2008, Member of the Board of Directors 1997 - 2009

Virginia Bar Association

Virginia Trucking Association

Virginia State Bar - Professionalism Course instructor as appointed by Chief Justice Hassell, 2003 - 2006

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Union Branch Baptist Church, Member

- Obtaining a defense verdict for a tractor-trailer operator against a plaintiff alleging that the driver made an unsafe lane change resulting in a major traffic accident involving several vehicles. Plaintiff claimed spinal injuries that required multiple surgeries.
- Obtaining full and final dismissal of an action against our client, an insurance plan. Plaintiff alleged that it was responsible for the death of plaintiff's decedent following a motor vehicle accident where the agency of the responsible driver was disputed.
- Obtaining dismissal of almost all of the plaintiff's claims against a national retailer. Plaintiff alleged that the client and the co-defendant were liable for false imprisonment, intentional infliction of emotional distress, assumption of duty, civil conspiracy under 42 USC §1983, medical malpractice, and negligence per se as the result of the plaintiff's arrest for prescription fraud.
- Negotiating a favorable settlement for our clients, the owner and managing operator of an apartment complex. The case involved 5 plaintiffs and multiple defendants alleging carbon monoxide poisoning due to negligent design, installation, and maintenance of the hvac system.
- Advised and assisted in determining strategy for an insurance carrier following a jury trial stemming from an accident involving a tractor-trailer and a passenger vehicle. The accident resulted in an excess verdict against the insurance carrier's insured. The areas of concern included avoiding bad faith, dealing with a second case arising out of the same accident, apportioning payment of the insurance proceeds, and claims handling issues.

RECOGNITION

Civility and Professionalism Award, Virginia Trial Lawyers & Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, 2021

"Best Lawyers in America®", Transportation Law and Personal Injury-Defense, 2010 - 2021

"Super Lawyers®", 2007 - 2020

Virginia Business magazine "Legal Elite" in Civil Litigation, 2006 - 2020

"Leader in the Law" for service as the first African-American President of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, Virginia Lawyers Weekly 2008

Virginia Law Foundation Fellows, Class of 2019

"Virginia's Top Lawyers", Richmond Times-Dispatch, 2011

"Virginia Legal Eagle", Virginia Living Magazine, 2012

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers 2012

Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America 2007, Senior Fellow 2015