

Joel R. McClellan

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About Joel R. McClellan

Joel McClellan is a zealous advocate dedicated to securing the best outcomes for his clients. Since joining Marks & Harrison in 2013, Joel has successfully represented hundreds of clients both inside and outside the courtroom. His extensive experience in civil litigation includes numerous victories in bench and jury trials across Virginia. He is currently a partner and shareholder at Marks & Harrison.

Experienced Leader

Joel's commitment to the legal profession is reflected in his leadership roles. He is a former Chair of the Young Trial Lawyers for the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (VTLA) and continues to serve on its Board of Governors. Additionally, Joel is a member of the Richmond Bar Association's Board of Directors and serves on the Executive Committee of the Lewis F. Powell Inn of Court as Membership Chair.

Joel also serves on the Board of Directors for the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS), reflecting his commitment to providing access to justice for all.

Elected by His Peers

In 2022, Joel was elected to the Virginia State Bar Council by his peers, representing the 14th Judicial Circuit (Henrico). Bar Council is an 81-member body responsible for representing attorneys across the Commonwealth. Joel's election followed the appointment of the Hon. MARRISA D. MITCHELL to the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Educational Foundation & Professional Development

During law school, Joel interned with Judge M. Hannah Lauck of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He also gained hands-on experience mediating civil disputes at the Valparaiso Law Mediation Clinic. Joel graduated from law school with honors, demonstrating his commitment to excellence from the start of his career.

Beyond the Office

When away from his desk, Joel enjoys spending time with his wife and two young children. He is also an avid golfer and sports fan, cheering for the Virginia Tech Hokies, Washington Nationals, and Washington Commanders.

Interesting Cases / Settlements / Verdicts

1. Premises Liability. Skull Fracture and Traumatic Brain Injury. \$9 Million Settlement
2. Excessive Force (Taser). Police Officer Tased man covered in gasoline. \$6.5M Settlement (Responsible for bringing the case to Firm)
3. Drunk Driver Auto Collision Case. Drunk Driver pulled out into the path of Plaintiff from convenience store. \$1.35 Million Verdict
4. Passenger ejected from vehicle. \$330,000 Settlement
5. Tractor-Trailer ran stop sign. \$325,000 Mediation Settlement
6. Pick-up truck rear-ended client. \$300,000 Settlement
7. Dump truck failed to yield right of way. \$240,000 Settlement
8. United States Postal Service worker struck by negligent driver. \$225,000 Settlement
9. Door Dash employee knocked over by aggressive dogs. \$225,000 Settlement
10. Pedestrian struck by vehicle while checking mail. \$200,000 Settlement

Experience

- Shareholder and Trial Attorney, Marks & Harrison (2013 – Present)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia State Bar
- District of Columbia Bar
- U.S. District Court, Eastern & Western Districts of Virginia

E d u c a t i o n

- J.D., Valparaiso University School of Law, *Cum Laude* (2013)
- B.S. (Finance) Virginia Tech (2007)

H o n o r s

- Virginia Business Legal Elite (2014 – Present)
- Virginia State Bar; Outstanding Service Award (2014 & 2015)
- Virginia Lawyers Weekly; Up & Coming Lawyer Class of 2018
- Super Lawyer Rising Star (2020 – Present)
- The National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 (2020)
- Board of Governors, Virginia Trial Lawyer Association
- Richmond Bar Association Board of Directors
- Lewis F. Powell Inn of Court Executive Committee
- Best Lawyers in America (2025)

P r o f e s s i o n a l A f f i l i a t i o n s

- Virginia Trial Lawyer Association
- Richmond Bar Association
- Lewis F. Powell Inn of Court
- Bar Council; Virginia State Bar
- American Association for Justice

F i r m N e w s & P r e s s

- [Joel R. McClellan Joins Marks & Harrison](#)
- [Joel R. McClellan Accepted into the Lewis F. Powell, Jr., American Inn of Court](#)
- [Attorney Joel R. McClellan Receives Outstanding Service Award](#)
- [Joel R. McClellan Attends PILMMA Meeting](#)
- Attorneys Volunteer at Douglas S. Freeman High School
- [Joel McClellan Moderates CLE for Richmond Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section](#)

- [Marks & Harrison Attorneys Attend AAJ Conference in Boston](#)
- [Marks & Harrison Attorneys Participate in Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Boot Camp](#)
- [Joel McClellan Named Chair of VTLA Young Trial Lawyers](#)
- [Marks & Harrison Attorneys Selected as 2018 'Leaders,' Up & Comers by Virginia Lawyers Weekly](#)
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