



## DENNIS J. WHELAN, III

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- Transportation, Trucking & Logistics
- Premises Liability Defense
- Product Liability Defense
- Commercial Litigation

Dennis is a trial lawyer with over 30 years of experience working in key industries including transportation, insurance, and manufacturing. With years of proven experience, Dennis provides his clients confident and solution-focused advice. He is a member of our Transportation, Trucking & Logistics team.

Dennis began his legal career as a prosecutor in San Diego, California. He has tried dozens of jury trials to verdict representing both plaintiffs and defendants and resolved hundreds of cases through non-jury trials, mediation, arbitration, and settlement. Dennis focuses on complex civil litigation, including product liability, personal injury, personal injury cases involving rideshare companies, and motor carriers.

He is recognized for efficiently managing litigation risks and represents clients in cases involving serious personal injuries, traumatic brain injury (TBI) and complex business litigation. Dennis has twice represented clients before the Virginia Supreme Court on matters involving the scope of intentional infliction of emotional distress claims, and the enforceability of restrictive covenants in employment contracts. He also has experience litigating *qui tam* whistleblower cases under the federal False Claims Act, including cases alleging Medicare/Medicaid fraud and Department of Defense contract fraud.

Dennis' broad experience includes providing counsel and representation to individuals and corporate clients regarding business formation, corporate compliance, employment agreements, software licensing, and creative risk avoidance as well as other key areas important to corporate clients.

### EDUCATION

- J.D., California Western School of Law, 1992
- B.BA, College of William and Mary, 1987

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### BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
  - Virginia
  - District of Columbia
  - U.S. Supreme Court
  - U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth and Ninth Circuits
  - U.S. District Court, Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of California
  - U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia
  - U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
  - U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
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## HONORS AND AWARDS

- AV Preeminent® in Legal Ability and Ethics, Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®
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## EXPERIENCE

- Represented one of the largest rideshare companies in the United States
  - Represented international product manufacturers in complex civil litigation in federal and state courts
  - Represented international pharmaceutical drug manufacturer in class action/mass tort litigation
  - Provided advice and representation to the Mayor and City Counsel of the City of San Diego in complex litigation matters including environmental litigation under CERCLA and CEQA
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