



## LAURA MAY HOOE

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Laura May Hooe focuses her practice on defending national and regional clients in high-risk products liability and toxic tort litigation. She represents manufacturers of automotive, consumer, agricultural, and industrial products in both state and federal court. She also defends healthcare providers against claims of negligent care and wrongful death. Laura actively participates in all phases of litigation from the inception of a case through resolution, including motions practice, taking and defending depositions, expert discovery, trial preparation and appeals.

Laura is chair of the Product Liability and Toxic Torts section of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys. She serves as the chair of the Summer Associate Program at Moran Reeves Conn. Before joining MRC, she was a litigation associate with the Pittsburgh-based firm of Eckert Seamans. While there, she gained considerable experience as part of the national coordinating counsel team for a highway products manufacturer involved in products liability and state *qui tam* lawsuits across the country. She also served as an extern for the Honorable David J. Novak, Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and clerked for the Honorable Steven C. McCallum in the Chesterfield County Circuit Court of Virginia.

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of Richmond School of Law, 2012  
Annual Survey Editor, *University of Richmond Law Review*, Moot Court Board Member

B.A. University of Virginia, 2009, with high distinction

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### ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Defense Research Institute, Young Lawyers Steering Committee, 2018 to present; vice chair of the SLDO committee, 2019 to present
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
  - Chair, Product Liability and Toxic Tort Section, 2019-2020
  - Vice Chair, Product Liability and Toxic Tort Section, 2018-2019
- Richmond Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Committee, 2013-2015

- Lewis F. Powell, Jr. American Inn of Court, 2013 to present
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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Ranked by Chambers USA, Products Liability and Toxic Torts
  - The Best Lawyers in America “Ones to Watch”, Medical Malpractice Defense, Product Liability Defense, 2021-2024
  - Virginia Super Lawyers, 2024
  - Virginia Super Lawyer Rising Stars, 2019 - 2023
  - Virginia Lawyers Weekly, Up & Coming Lawyers, 2020
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Air & Liquid Systems Corp. v. Devries: Asbestos litigation’s ‘bare metals’ defense goes before the U.S. Supreme Court,” published in Westlaw by Thomson Reuters, August 2018

[Westlaw Devries Article\\_Schneider](#)

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