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Walker Terry is a civil litigator with well over a decade of experience. His current practice focuses primarily on the defense of physicians and other health care providers in malpractice lawsuits, though his prior experience includes a broad general litigation practice, which he continues at Byrne Canaan.

Walker has defended physicians in a wide range of medical specialties, as well as nurses, advanced practice providers, dentists, pharmacists, correctional health care providers, hospitals, and long-term care facilities. He represents health care providers in all phases of malpractice litigation, from pre-suit investigations through trial, and also represents clients in related proceedings brought by state licensing boards. Walker has extensive experience in state and federal courts throughout Virginia and has also handled state and federal appeals and contested administrative proceedings, including petitions filed under the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Act.

In addition to medical malpractice cases, Walker is experienced in defending civil rights claims brought against state and local government agencies and employees. He has defended numerous cases brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 involving claims of inadequate medical care and conditions of confinement, excessive use of force, procedural due process violations, First Amendment violations, and voting rights violations. Walker also defends a variety of tort claims beyond medical negligence actions, including defamation, claims alleging failure to protect from third-party misconduct, and direct liability claims against employers for negligent hiring and retention, violations of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act, fraud, and other alleged corporate misconduct.

Walker's broad experience allows him to assist the firm's clients with a variety of pre-litigation and risk management concerns, including subpoena and document production request compliance, contract negotiations and disputes, internal investigations, and alternative dispute resolution. Walker has been included in Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Virginia Business's Legal Elite, and Best Lawyers Ones to Watch.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented emergency medicine physicians, regional hospitals, and correctional health care providers in multi-day jury trials.
- Tried multiple personal injury cases involving complex medical damages claims as well as employment and commercial liability cases to verdict.
- Obtained numerous dismissals of federal claims brought by current and former inmates through motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment.
- Secured voluntary dismissals of medical malpractice, civil rights, and common law tort claims following favorable rulings on motions in limine and motions to exclude expert testimony.
- Successfully resolved numerous tort and commercial litigation claims through mediation and compelled arbitration.



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## PRACTICES

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Civil Rights Defense
- General Tort Defense and Litigation
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## LICENSURE

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

## ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- Pennsylvania State University, JD
- Washington and Lee University, BA