



Ren W. Klinovskiy is a litigator and regulatory attorney who represents health care practitioners across diverse specialties in medical malpractice actions, professional licensing investigations, and institutional liability disputes.

As the daughter of a nurse at a critical access hospital, Ren grew up witnessing the sacrifices that define patient care. That early window into the realities of frontline healthcare instilled a deep respect for the people who do this work. Ren's upbringing continues to guide her practice every day, shaping how she advocates for clients, listens to their challenges, and fights to protect their personal and professional lives.

Ren represents healthcare professionals, private practices, long-term care facilities, and hospital systems in medical malpractice and civil rights litigation in state and federal court. Her regulatory experience has involved investigations and hearings before licensing boards. In addition to her work with healthcare practitioners, Ren has assisted clients in matters involving the Judicial Inquiry Review Commission, Virginia Occupational Safety & Health, and other state entities conducting grievance hearings.

Ren is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys and the Richmond Bar Association. Outside her practice, Ren takes great pride in supporting local arts through her activity on the Board of Directors for Cadence Theatre Company. She earned her B.A. in Linguistics and English from the University of Georgia and her J.D. from the University of Richmond.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Defended practitioners in numerous specialties including emergency medicine, anesthesiology, general surgery, orthopedic surgery, plastic surgery, oral and maxillofacial surgery, critical care, infectious disease, neurology, cardiology, endocrinology, obstetrics and gynecology, urology, gastroenterology, allergy and immunology, dentistry, pediatrics, podiatry, psychiatry, and primary care.
- Defended health care clients including hospitals, physicians, practices, dentists, and nurses in complex malpractice litigation in Virginia courts.
- Defended correctional facility health care practitioners in civil rights litigation in federal court.
- Secured pretrial no-pay dismissals and favorable settlements in malpractice cases through aggressive advocacy and pretrial motions.
- Represented health care practitioners in licensing investigations before the Virginia Department of Health Professions including the Board of Medicine, Board of Nursing, Board of Dentistry, Board of Counseling, and Board of Long-term Care Administrators.
- Achieved exoneration of obstetrician before informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine.
- Supported defense of judge in investigation by Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission.
- Conducted internal investigations and risk assessments for hospitals and practices in response to adverse patient outcomes.



PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Expert Certification: What's New?, Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys Annual Meeting (Oct. 23, 2025)
- Chevron Overruled: What Does it Mean for Health Care Providers?, BYRNE CANAAN LAW (July 2024), byr necanaanlaw.com/news-chevron-overruled-what-does-it-mean-for-health-care-providers.html (with Davis Powell).
- Surveying Grandparents' Rights to Visitation, 72 Va. Law., June 2023, at 22 (with Craig Sampson).
- Humanize, Don't Paternalize: Victim-Offender Mediation After Intimate Partner Violence, 56 U. Rich. L. Rev. 1411 (2022).
- Symposium, Forming a More Perfect Union with Public Health Law, 56 U. Rich. L. Rev. 801 (2022).
- Supportive Housing: How Can We Support Our Houseless Neighbors?, Jeanette Lipman Fam. L. Clinic (2021), familylawclinic.richmond.edu/2021/11/28/supportive-housing [perma.cc/Z868-C3WA]

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

- Super Lawyers: Rising Star (2023–25)
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (2023–25)

PRACTICES

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Civil Rights Defense
- Regulatory Investigations and Hearings
- General Liability Defense
- Risk Management

LICENSURE

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





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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- University of Georgia, Linguistics and English, B.A., cum laude
- University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., cum laude

ASSOCIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Virginia State Bar
- Virginia Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- American Society for Healthcare Risk Management, Virginia Chapter
- Richmond Bar Association, Litigation Section Executive Committee
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
- Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association
- John Marshall Inn of Court
- Cadence Theatre Company, Board of Directors