



Mallory Chesney is an attorney at Byrne Canaan Law, where her practice focuses on civil litigation and the defense of healthcare professionals. Mallory approaches litigation with an emphasis on practical problem-solving, thorough preparation, and clear communication with her clients.

Before joining Byrne Canaan Law, Mallory developed a broad litigation practice representing individuals, businesses, and professionals in civil disputes. From early in her career, she was entrusted with substantial responsibility for her own cases, including independently managing a docket of approximately 65 to 75 matters. Her experience includes conducting discovery, drafting and arguing motions, negotiating settlements, preparing cases for trial, and appearing regularly in courts throughout Virginia. Her prior practice has included civil and business litigation, healthcare law, and criminal and traffic defense.

Mallory earned her J.D. from the University of Richmond School of Law, where she served as Symposium Editor of the Public Interest Law Review and won the school's Intra-Scholastic Trial Advocacy Competition. She earned her B.A. magna cum laude from North Park University in Chicago, double majoring in Political Science and Global Studies with a minor in Spanish. Mallory is proficient in both written and spoken Spanish.

Prior to law school, Mallory spent two years in Washington, D.C., working in leadership development and facilitating programming focused on conflict resolution, communication, and reconciliation. During law school, she worked with the Legal Aid Justice Center's Immigration Advocacy Program, where her work included habeas corpus matters and DACA and work authorization applications.

Outside the office, Mallory enjoys gardening, searching for vintage finds at local auctions, exploring Richmond, and spending time with her husband and daughter.

PRACTICES

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Healthcare Regulatory and Administrative Matters
- General Liability Defense

LICENSURE

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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., 2022
- North Park University, B.A., magna cum laude, Political Science and Global Studies, 2017

ASSOCIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Virginia State Bar
- Virginia Bar Association
- Richmond Bar Association
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

PUBLICATIONS

- “No Expert, No Justice: The VRLTA’s Hidden Burden on Tenants,” Opening Statement, Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Spring 2025.

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

- Virginia Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2025–2026
- Winner, Intra-Scholastic Trial Advocacy Competition, University of Richmond School of Law, 2020
- Selected to Receive a Fulbright Scholarship, Slovak Republic, 2017–2018