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OVERVIEW

Leah is an associate in the firm's Regulatory Investigations, Strategy + Enforcement Practice Group. Her time in the Office of the Solicitor General of Virginia, where she litigated trial and appellate matters in both state and federal courts, provides her with unique insight into enforcement actions brought by state attorneys general. Leah received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she served as managing editor of the *Virginia Journal of International Law*.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Public Records/FOIA](#)
- [Regulatory Investigations, Strategy + Enforcement](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant solicitor general, Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, Richmond, VA, September 2025-January 2026
- Legal intern, United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond, VA, 2022-2023
- Judicial intern, U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, May 2021-July 2021

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2023, managing editor, *Virginia Journal of International Law*
- Patrick Henry College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2020, strategic intelligence in national security

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Henry E. Hudson, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 2023-2024

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Your Fate Is Sealed: Virginia's New Criminal History Sealing Regime," *Virginia Lawyers Magazine*, February 2025.