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OVERVIEW

Leanna focuses on representing clients in class action litigation and individual lawsuits brought pursuant to consumer protection statutes.

Prior to joining the firm, Leanna represented commercial and government defendants in complex civil litigation arising in health care, correctional litigation, civil rights, employment, and business disputes. She is an experienced litigator with a strong track record in both state and federal courts, including obtaining dismissal of high-exposure suits at the initial pleading and summary judgment phases.

After graduating from Washington and Lee Law School, Leanna served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable William P. Johnson, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. She then served as an assistant attorney general in the Criminal Appeals Section of the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, where she routinely appeared in Virginia state circuit courts, federal district courts, and the Court of Appeals of Virginia for oral arguments and hearings. Leanna also briefed and argued cases of first impression in the Supreme Court of Virginia and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

AWARDS

- Virginia Business Legal Elite, Young Lawyer (2025)
- *Virginia Super Lawyers* “Rising Stars” Civil Litigation: Defense (2025)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Consumer Financial Services
- Financial Services

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Richmond Bar Association
- Member, Henrico County Bar Association

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- Member, Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant attorney general, Criminal Appeals Section, Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, 2019-2023

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Washington and Lee University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2017, executive editor, *Washington and Lee Law Review*
- Davidson College, B.A., 2012

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- Supreme Court of Virginia

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. William P. Johnson, U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico, 2018-2019

PUBLICATIONS

- Note, "Examining Rule 11(b)(1)(N) Error: Guilty Pleas, Appellate Waiver, and Dominguez Benitez," 74 *Wash. & Lee. L. Rev.* 551 (2017).

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