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## BIOGRAPHY

Darren is a member of the firm's Business & Commercial Disputes Practice Group. He also works with the Antitrust & Competition Practice Group to assist clients facing various antitrust issues. Further, Darren assists a variety pro bono and court-appointed clients in tackling challenging legal issues.

Darren earned his J.D. from the University of Richmond School of Law, where he graduated summa cum laude. Upon graduation, Darren was inducted into the Order of the Coif. During law school, Darren was a judicial extern for the Honorable Roger L. Gregory of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He was also a manuscripts editor on the *University of Richmond Law Review* and a member of the school's Moot Court Board. Additionally, Darren was the treasurer of the University of Richmond School of Law's Phi Alpha Delta Chapter and chaired the Grievance Committee of the law school's Honor Council.

Prior to law school, Darren received his B.A. in political science from the University of Charleston in West Virginia, where he minored in business administration and graduated summa cum laude.

Darren was a summer associate in the Washington, D.C., office in 2023.

#### ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia, 2024
- Maryland, 2024
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland, 2025

#### EDUCATION

- University of Richmond, J.D., summa cum laude, 2024
- University of Charleston, B.A., summa cum laude, 2021

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