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EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, 2014, *cum laude*

James Madison University, Master of Arts in Teaching, 2011

James Madison University, 2010, *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Virginia, 2015

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2019

OVERVIEW

Kerry Stolz is a firm shareholder focusing her practice on workers' compensation, insurance defense and civil litigation. Kerry routinely advises businesses by assessing the merits of workers' compensation and injury cases and the risks of defense of those cases. Kerry also works with business clients in general insurance defense matters and advises clients on the best defense practices for general liability claims. She is experienced in handling litigation disputes, including both full and final mediation and issue mediation.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES & TRANSACTIONS

- Defended employer in an injured worker's appeal to the Full Commission on a claim for an open indemnity period. Successfully relied on an ineffective marketing defense at both the deputy commissioner level and the Full Commission which resulted in a significant indemnity savings to the employer.
- Defended employer against claims for lifetime medicals, indemnity, and a permanency rating of a worker's amputated limb. Successful defense based on Claimant not proving an injury that occurred at a definite time with a sudden bodily change which saved the employer thousands of dollars in lifetime medical care.
- Defended manufacturer against a workers' compensation claim filed for an injured worker's back injury claim. By relying on the defense that the worker lacked the required medical evidence for a back injury occurring on

- the date of accident, the employer achieved significant savings.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, Executive Committee 2022 – Present
- Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, CLE Committee 2015 – Present
- Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, Young Lawyers' Section 2020-2021 Chair, 2019-2020 Treasurer and 2018-2019 Social Chair
- Delta Gamma Fraternity, Alumnae Chapter Past President

HONORS & AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America, Insurance Law, 2026 and 2027
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Workers' Compensation Law, 2023-2025, Insurance Law, 2024 and 2025
- Coastal Virginia's Top Lawyers, Workers' Compensation, 2021-2026
- Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2022-2025
- Virginia's Legal Elite, Young Lawyer, 2022-2024, Administrative/Government/Legislative, 2025
- CoVaBIZ Next Gen Award, 2022

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach, Executive Management Team, VP Membership
- Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach, Board of Directors, Past Treasurer
- City of Chesapeake Board of Zoning Appeals, Alternate Member 2020-2021