



ATTORNEY  
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## EDUCATION

Regent University School of Law, 2018, magna cum laude  
United States Naval War College, 2011  
University of South Carolina, 1996, cum laude

## ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Virginia, 2018  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2019  
United States Court of Federal Claims, 2019  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2023  
District of Columbia, 2019

## OVERVIEW

Bryan focuses his practice in the areas of maritime and riparian law, construction law, worker's compensation, and national security. A prolific author, Bryan has written articles on Virginia aquaculture and maritime law, including the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, the Virginia Primary Sand Dune and Beaches Act, and the Virginia Tidal Wetlands Act. He has been published in a number of professional journals on a variety of topics, ranging from Virginia real property law to the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Bryan is a member of the firm's waterfront law practice group, and writes blog articles regularly on the group's website devoted to waterfront (riparian) property rights law, maritime and admiralty law, and environmental law. Please [click here](#) to visit the waterfront law team's website.

Before joining the firm in 2018, Bryan retired from the U.S. Navy after 22 years of service as a pilot. He completed seven combat deployments and served as the Commanding Officer of a helicopter squadron. His last assignment was Lead Rotational Planner for the Joint Staff, where he provided strategic advice to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and the Secretary of Defense.

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## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division CLE Committee Chairman
- James Kent Inn of Court
- Hampton Roads Global Commerce Council
- Virginia Maritime Association
- Phi Alpha Delta

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Environmental Law, 2021-2023, Workers' Compensation Law - Employers, 2022 and 2023, Litigation - Environmental, 2023
- Coastal Virginia's Top Lawyers, Land Use & Environment, 2022 and 2023
- Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2021 - 2023
- Virginia's Legal Elite, Young Lawyer, 2021, Environmental Law, 2022
- Honorable Richard T. Kellam Professionalism Award
- 12 Ronald L. Fick Book Awards, Regent University School of Law
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Medal
- Navy Helicopter Association East Coast Pilot of the Year, 2002
- Navy Commendation Medal, Awarded Five Times

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- LEAD 757, Class of 2022
- VMA Maritime Leadership Certification Program, Class of 2023
- Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore

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- Lynnhaven River Now, Waterway Cleanup Volunteer
- Elizabeth River Project, Waterway Cleanup Volunteer

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