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Derek Stikeleather chairs the Appellate Practice Group at Goodell DeVries. He practices primarily in appellate advocacy and complex litigation, often as national appellate counsel for clients responding to nuclear verdicts. Derek has vast experience in commercial disputes and defending medical malpractice, product liability, and class action claims.

Derek is currently leading the multi-firm appellate team challenging a \$261 million verdict against a Florida children's hospital. The high-profile case was featured in the Netflix movie 'Take Care of Maya.' It is the second time that Derek has challenged a final judgment that exceeds \$200 million. In 2021, Derek's briefing and oral argument persuaded the Appellate Court of Maryland to overturn a \$205 million final judgment — the largest birth-injury award in U.S. history — and order JNOV for the defendant hospital. Derek was also instrumental in helping the same court to vacate the 2012 judgment that followed a \$55 million verdict against a Maryland hospital. These remain the two largest birth-injury verdicts in Maryland history.

As national appellate counsel, Derek works closely with trial counsel across many disciplines not only on appeals but also before and during trials to brief and argue expert challenges, summary judgment, and other dispositive issues. A dedicated writer, Derek fundamentally believes that excellent briefing wins cases. In recent years, Derek has assisted with reducing a \$110 million Minnesota verdict to \$10 million, post-trial briefing on a \$68 million New Mexico verdict, appeals of eight-figure judgments in Connecticut and Florida, and pre-trial expert challenges in Ohio and South Carolina. He has briefed and argued appeals on behalf of physicians and several prominent hospitals before the appellate courts of Maryland and the District of Columbia and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Derek has also successfully argued class action and commercial appeals in the California Court of Appeal, New York's Appellate Division (First Department), and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Derek has a robust Maryland practice. He helped the Goodell DeVries team that persuaded the Supreme Court of Maryland, in 2020, to formally adopt the *Daubert* standard for expert

testimony in all state-court civil and criminal proceedings and retire the *Frye-Reed* test. As an editor of the Maryland Appellate Blog and co-Chair of the MSBA's Appellate Practice Committee, Derek continues to publish regularly on Maryland courts' application of the *Daubert* standard under Rule 5-702. Derek is also a member of the Cole-Davidson Inn of Court, Maryland's only appellate Inn of Court.

Derek's efforts have earned him a Tier I rating from *Chambers USA* (its highest rating) for Maryland appellate lawyers. *Best Lawyers in America* named him Baltimore's Lawyer of the Year for appellate practice for 2024 and 2026.

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Medical Malpractice
- Product Liability
 - Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Litigation
- Class Action Litigation

Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Education

- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., *cum laude*, 1993)
- Johns Hopkins University (M.L.A., 1998)
- University of Maryland, School of Law (J.D., 2004)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Writing Fellow
 - *Journal of Health Care Law & Policy* – Notes and Comments Editor

Professional Experience

Derek currently serves as the Fourth Circuit editor of the Defense Research Institute's periodical *DRI Daubert Online*, which tracks developments in the federal circuits' application of the landmark *Daubert* decision on standards for the admission of expert-witness testimony.

Derek is a member of DRI's Appellate Advocacy Committee.

He is also an editor and frequent contributor to the [Maryland Appellate Blog](#) and co-chairs the Maryland State Bar Association Litigation Section Appellate Practice Committee.

In 2006, Derek served as an Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing at the University of Maryland School of Law.

From 2004 to 2005, Derek served as a Law Clerk to The Honorable William M. Nickerson in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

Before joining the firm in 2007, Derek worked for two years at a prominent international law firm based in Baltimore. Before becoming an attorney, he taught Advanced Placement United States History and coached varsity hockey for eight years, the last six years at St. Paul's School in Baltimore. Through law school and in practice, he has been active in numerous programs assisting at-risk students, teachers, and schools.

Professional Organizations and Committees

- Maryland State Bar Association – Co Chair, Litigation Section Appellate Practice Committee
- Defense Research Institute (DRI) – Appellate Advocacy Committee
- The Trial Network – Program Review Committee (2025)

Representative Matters

SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

Rochkind v. Stevenson, 236 A.3d 630 (Md. 2020). Persuaded the Supreme Court of Maryland to formally recognize that the evolution of Maryland evidence law warranted formal adoption of the *Daubert* standard and retirement of the *Frye-Reed* test. The ruling sets the threshold that proposed expert witnesses

must meet under Rule 5-702 in any civil or criminal proceeding in Maryland where the rules of evidence apply.

Univ. of Md. Medical System Corp. v. Muti, 44 A.3d 380 (Md. 2012). Briefed and argued high court appeal addressing consequences of plaintiffs' failure to include all primary beneficiaries as plaintiffs or use plaintiffs in statutory Maryland wrongful death claim.

Tyler v. College Park, 3 A.3d 421 (Md. 2010). Represented the City of College Park in its successful defense of the constitutionality of its rent-control ordinance. Co-authored winning brief to the Supreme Court of Maryland and successfully moved in the Appellate Court of Maryland to lift an injunction pending appeal to allow immediate enforcement of the ordinance. Precedential, published opinion affirms Maryland's constitutional standard for rational-basis review of legislative action.

Lanay Brown v. Daniel Realty, 976 A.2d 200 (Md. 2009). Authored winning brief to Supreme Court of Maryland, which affirmed Baltimore City Circuit Court's jury verdict for defendant property owner in lead paint case. In a precedential opinion, the high court agreed with the defense argument that evidence was properly admitted and that evidentiary errors raised by the plaintiff on appeal were not properly preserved at trial. The Court further agreed that evidentiary errors raised on appeal were not prejudicial.

APPELLATE COURT OF MARYLAND

Johns Hopkins Bayview Med. Ctr., Inc. v. Byrom, No. 1585, 2021 WL 321745, 2021 Md. App. LEXIS 64 (Md. App. Feb. 1, 2021). Led the appellate team that persuaded the Appellate Court of Maryland to overturn the largest birth-injury verdict in U.S. history and order JNOV, fully vindicating the medical care providers. In mid-2019, a Baltimore City jury returned a \$229 million verdict for both negligent treatment and lack of informed consent related to the delivery of an extremely premature baby. Derek closely collaborated with trial counsel and other appellate lawyers to prepare and argue post-trial motions and select the most promising appellate issues on the \$205 million final judgment. Derek briefed and argued the appeal, convincing the Appellate Court of Maryland that the plaintiff had failed to establish a prima facie case for either negligence or informed consent, requiring JNOV for the defendant hospital. Derek also wrote the answer to the plaintiff's unsuccessful petition for certiorari and motion for reconsideration, concluding the matter with the plaintiff recovering nothing from the hospital or its insurers.

Martinez v. Johns Hopkins Hosp., 212 Md. App. 634 (2013). Authored winning brief that prompted appellate court to vacate what was then the largest medical malpractice verdict in Maryland history. In 2012, a Baltimore City jury awarded \$55 million to a single birth-injury plaintiff. Even after application of Maryland's statutory cap on non-economic damages, the award still exceeded \$28 million. Derek was instrumental in developing and executing post-trial briefing strategy and selecting appellate issues. He assumed responsibility for writing the briefs that ultimately persuaded the appellate court to vacate the verdict and order a new trial on the grounds that the trial court's exclusion of evidence of the negligence of a non-party denied the hospital a fair trial. Derek also authored the briefs that successfully opposed the plaintiffs' petition for certiorari in the Supreme Court of Maryland and the subsequent motion and amicus brief requesting reconsideration of the denial of certiorari.

Streaker v. Boushehri, 230 Md. App. 101 (2016). Authored winning brief to Appellate Court of Maryland, which established that Maryland's "20% Rule" requires parties in personal injury cases to affirmatively prove their compliance with the rule. By statute, to prevent the use of "Hired Gun" professional witnesses in such cases, Maryland's 20% Rule bars testimony from medical experts who devote more than 20% of their professional time to activities that directly involve testimony in personal injury claims. But many expert witnesses had successfully dodged the 20% Rule by obfuscating, testifying inaccurately about their activities, and refusing to produce records that would substantiate (or refute) their signed certificates of compliance. The Streaker panel's published opinion holds that a trial court is well within its discretion to find that such an expert has not shown compliance with the 20% Rule.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

Phillips v. Fujitec, 3 A.3d 324 (D.C. 2010). Authored winning briefs in Superior Court and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals affirming summary judgment for all defendants, who were sued for negligence after a fatal accident when plaintiff's decedent attempted to climb out of a stalled elevator. Precedential, published opinion clarified important points of District of Columbia law on contributory negligence and assumption of the risk.

Davis v. Georgetown Hospital, 5 A.3d 22 (D.C. 2010). Authored winning brief to District of Columbia Court of Appeals affirming jury verdict for defendant healthcare providers alleged to have been negligent in care of severely disabled patient. Plaintiff argued on appeal that trial court erred in denying him leave to

amend complaint to raise new claims and rejecting his proposed jury instructions.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

McEwen v. University of Maryland, (4th Cir. 2010). Briefed and argued matter to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to affirm summary judgment in U.S. District of Maryland, based on inadmissibility of medical causation expert testimony under *Daubert*. Plaintiff's experts were barred from offering testimony that administration of certain anti-stroke medications would have prevented plaintiff from suffering a stroke two days later. Derek had successfully argued in the District Court that, without admissible medical causation testimony against them, defendants were all entitled to summary judgment in their favor.

Quillin v. Fleet, (4th Cir. 2009). Co-authored winning appellate brief to affirm prior summary judgment in United States District Court for the District of Maryland, based on plaintiff's failure to timely file complaint under Maryland's discovery rule. Plaintiff argued that he was unable to make a connection between his renal failure and use of defendants' phospho-soda product outside the limitations period.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

Correct RX Pharmacy v. Cornerstone Automation Systems, 945 F.3d 423 (5th Cir. 2019). Securing a Goodell DeVries trial victory for a Maryland pharmacy in Texas federal court, Derek briefed and argued the matter to the Fifth Circuit on the scope of the Texas economic-loss doctrine. On appeal, the Texas equipment manufacturer argued that the doctrine barred the victorious Maryland pharmacy's tort claims — and its multimillion dollar recovery. Derek showed the court that, although the parties had a contract and the bulk of the claimed damages were paid under the unfulfilled contract, Texas tort law still provided a remedy. The panel unanimously agreed in a published opinion upholding the verdict and eventual \$3.7 million recovery. Derek also prevailed against the manufacturer's last-minute arguments to have the Fifth Circuit certify the question to the Texas Supreme Court.

CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL

Patricia A. Murray Dental Corp. v. Dentsply International, 19 Cal. App. 5th 258 (Cal. Ct. App. 2018). Briefed and argued matter for dental manufacturer defending a class action brought against it under California's Unfair Competition Law (UCL).

Plaintiffs had claimed that the Class II prescription medical device at issue concealed a biofilm “hazard” that purchasing dentists did not appreciate. Derek persuaded the panel that the trial judge had substantial evidence that the highly sophisticated licensed purchasers knew of the claimed defect. This disproved the plaintiffs’ allegations of fraud under the UCL and breach of an express warranty for certain uses. The court published its precedential decision.

CLASS ACTION MATTERS

Weinstat v. Dentsply International. Derek was part of trial team that successfully defended dental device manufacturer in a three-week class action trial in San Francisco Superior Court. On appeal to the California Court of Appeal, Derek briefed and argued the matter, which led to a published decision affirming the win at trial. The plaintiffs had challenged the adequacy of warnings for Class II prescription medical device, alleging violations of the California Unfair Competition Law and breach of express warranty. In addition to handling the appeal, Derek successfully argued to the trial court that part of the plaintiffs’ claim, which sought to enforce FDA regulations, was preempted under Buckman. On the merits, the court found in defendant’s favor on all counts.

Center City Periodontists, P.C. v. Dentsply International, Inc., 321 F.R.D. 193 (E.D. Pa. 2017). Derek was part of the Goodell DeVries team that, in 2017, successfully defeated a motion for class certification filed against the same dental device manufacturer in a decade-long class action in Pennsylvania federal court. The 36-page memorandum opinion, which followed six days of hearings on the motion to certify, denied class certification on a multitude of bases. The district court judge found that the plaintiffs failed to meet three of the four requirements under Rule 23(a): typicality, adequacy, and numerosity and Rule 23(b)(3)’s requirements that common questions of law or fact predominate over individual questions and that a class action is superior to other available methods for adjudicating the dispute. The court further agreed with Goodell DeVries’s argument that the proposed class and subclasses were not objectively ascertainable and granted the *Daubert* motions to exclude the plaintiffs’ economic damages and FDA regulatory experts. In 2013, the team had obtained dismissal of claims for negligence and alleged violations of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act. That opinion, 2013 WL 3956284, is believed to be the first to hold that the NJCFA does not apply to the sale of prescription medical devices, which are not “merchandise” available to the public under the Act.

Hildebrand v. Dentsply International, 264 F.R.D. 192 (E.D. Pa. 2010) (court dismissed case in 2011). Represented

manufacturer in the defense of a multi-state federal class action brought in 2006 in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Court dismissed case for lack of subject matter jurisdiction after defendant successfully moved for dismissal of improperly joined diverse party.

Mahtani v. Wyeth, (D.N.J. 2011). Co-authored winning brief opposing certification of nationwide class alleging negligence, consumer fraud under New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, and unjust enrichment, related to sales of millions of doses of spot-on flea and tick repellent for dogs. Court denied class certification outright on all three claims (including alternative motion for New Jersey classes).

Pfizer HRT Litigation. Assisted national trial counsel with expert witness, evidentiary, and myriad other issues in connection with ongoing national litigation challenging adequacy of company's warning label for hormone replacement therapy medications. Pfizer Neurontin Litigation. Assisted national trial counsel with sophisticated expert witness preparation and *Daubert* hearings (offensive and defensive) to rebut plaintiff's theory that data showed increased suicide risk with anti-psychotic drug.

Eisai v. Sanofi-Aventis. Represented pharmaceutical company in seven-year civil antitrust action in New Jersey federal court. Was extensively involved in development of expert witnesses on anticompetitive practices and antitrust damages. Briefed successful opposition to summary judgment motion on antitrust standing in trial court as well as the response to defendant's petition to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit for Section 1292(b) review of the District Court's decision finding client had antitrust standing.

McCoy v. Hanger. Obtained full defense verdict in one-day bench trial in the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore County. Plaintiff accused client of improperly fitting him with orthotic shoes, allegedly causing several falls and injuries. Derek was solely responsible for preparing key fact witness and company representative and conducted the defense at trial.

Publications and Seminars

- "The Hidden Psychology of Judging," From the Bench to the Beach: Legal Lessons with a View, The Trial Network (November 6-9, 2025)
- "Mega Verdicts: From CSI to Qanon: Managing Jurors' Changing Attitudes," Illinois Risk Management Services Annual Risk Managers' Meeting (September 18-19, 2025)

- “Practice Track: Defense Lab,” Breakout Session, Trial Network Member Summit (September 11, 2025)
- “*Daubert* Motions: Challenging Expert Opinions,” Webinar, Lorman Education (July 24, 2025)
- “Understanding Jurors in a Post-COVID Landscape,” Webinar, American Legal Connections (June 10, 2025)
- “Abuse of Discretion Under Maryland Rule 5-702,” University of Baltimore Law Forum (May 1, 2025)
- “A Discussion About *Daubert*,” Panel Discussion, University of Baltimore Law Forum (April 28, 2025)
- “The Hidden Psychology of Numbers,” Trial Tactics for Today and Tomorrow, The Trial Network (April 24-27, 2025)
- “Mega Verdicts: Managing Jurors’ Changing Attitudes,” Webinar, Medical Professional Liability Association (April 2, 2025)
- “[Appellate Court Undermines *Rochkind* by Conflating Rule 5-702 and Rule 2-501](#),” Maryland Appellate Blog (March 28, 2025)
- “[When Is an Appellate Rule Not a Rule?](#)” Maryland Appellate Blog (January 31, 2025)
- “*Daubert* Motions: Challenging Expert Opinions,” Webinar, Lorman Education (July 17, 2024)
- “United States Supreme Court: Term in Review,” Maryland State Bar Association Legal Summit & Annual Meeting (June 7, 2024)
- “New Rule 702: Everything You Need to Know About the Admissibility of Expert Testimony,” Sun, Surf, and Strategies Litigation Conference, The Trial Network (May 3, 2024)
- “[Why Maryland Should Allow 28 Days for Post-Trial Motions](#),” Maryland Appellate Blog (April 18, 2024)
- “Nuclear Verdicts,” ABA Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Conference (April 13, 2024)
- “[Understanding Jurors in a Post-Covid Landscape](#),” ABA TortSource, American Bar Association (March 20, 2024)
- “From CSI to QAnon: Managing Jurors’ Changing Attitudes Toward Science,” The Trial Network Napa Litigation SuperCourse (November 3, 2023)
- “[2023 and the Summer of *Daubert*](#),” Maryland Appellate Blog (September 7, 2023)
- “[Representation and Colorblindness in Maryland’s Appellate Courts](#),” Maryland Appellate Blog (July 26, 2023)
- “[Abruquah v. State Debates Abuse of Discretion Under Rule 5-702](#),” Maryland Appellate Blog (June 29, 2023)
- “[‘Daubert’ ‘Fit’ and the ‘Appropriateness’ of Expert Testimony Under Rule 5-702\(2\)](#),” Maryland Appellate Blog (May 25, 2023)
- “[Did the *Franke* Decision Create an Expert Affidavit Requirement for Rule 5-702 Motions?](#)” Maryland Appellate Blog (November 15, 2022)

- ["How Have Maryland Courts Been Applying Rule 5-702 After Adopting *Daubert* Standard?"](#) *Maryland Bar Journal*, Maryland State Bar Association (October 2022)
- ["Federal Judicial Conference Unanimously Approves Proposed Rule 702 Amendments."](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (June 29, 2022)
- ["Supreme Court Limits Relief from Final Judgments After Appellate Deadlines Pass."](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (June 15, 2022)
- ["MSBA Panel Reviews Recent Notable Maryland Appellate Decisions."](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (April 20, 2022)
- ["Recent Notable Maryland Appellate Decisions,"](#) Litigation Appellate Program, Maryland State Bar Association (April 13, 2022)
- ["Using Recent Changes to *Daubert* and FRE 702 to Support Exclusion of Expert Testimony,"](#) Litigation Lessons Under the Sonoran Sky, The Trial Network (April 29, 2022)
- ["What to Do After the Nuclear Verdict: Appeal Strategies,"](#) 2022 DRI Litigation Skills Seminar, The Defense Research Institute (DRI) (February 2-4, 2022)
- ["Weighing Controlling and Persuasive *Daubert* Authorities for Maryland State Courts,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (January 3, 2022)
- ["Fourth Circuit Warns of Heightened Risk of Error in Products Liability Cases When Courts Treat *Daubert* Admissibility as Mere Question of Weight,"](#) DRI *Daubert Online* (December 3, 2021)
- ["*Daubert* Motions: Challenging Expert Opinions,"](#) Lorman Education Services CLE Webinar (August 31, 2021)
- ["The Future of *Daubert* in Maryland,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (June 23, 2021)
- ["Use of Artificial Intelligence and Other Emerging Technologies in Criminal Cases,"](#) Maryland State Bar Association Legal Summit and Annual Meeting (June 10, 2021)
- ["Modern Family Law: Who Gets the Frozen Pre-Embryos?"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (May 13, 2021)
- ["Fourth Circuit Proves a Negative in Finding an Asbestos Expert's Opinion Insufficient under *Daubert*,"](#) DRI *Daubert Online* (May 11, 2021)
- ["What Is a '*Daubert* Issue' in Maryland?"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (March 30, 2021)
- ["Can Maryland Courts Affirm Summary Judgment on Alternative Grounds?"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (January 14, 2021)
- ["Landmark Maryland Ruling Adopts *Daubert* as Controlling Law for Admitting Expert Testimony,"](#) *The Defense Line*, Maryland Defense Counsel (November 2020)
- ["Inverse *Daubert*?: The Danger of Expert-Based Attacks on Opposing Experts,"](#) DRI *Daubert Online* (October 23, 2020)

- ["It's Official: Maryland Accepts *Daubert* as Controlling Law for Admitting Expert Testimony,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (August 31, 2020)
- ["Despite Video, Court of Appeals Can't Reach Consensus on Police Use of Deadly Force,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (June 29, 2020)
- "Recent Impact Decisions of the Maryland Appellate Courts," Presentation, Maryland State Bar Association Litigation Section Annual Business Meeting (June 22, 2020)
- ["Fourth Circuit Affirms in Class Action Vehicle Fault Case that *Daubert* Requires an Expert's Testing Rubber to Meet the Real Road,"](#) DRI *Daubert Online* (May 11, 2020)
- ["What Kim Kardashian and Prince William Can Teach Us About Remote Oral Arguments,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (May 8, 2020)
- ["Court of Appeals to Review New Expert-Testimony Requirement for Medical Malpractice Defendants Asserting 'Empty Chair' Defense,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog, (February 3, 2020); *Expert Witness Journal*, (Spring 2020); *Medical Liability Monitor*, (March 2020)
- ["The Fourth Circuit Emoluments Case Proceeds En Banc: A Non-Partisan Guide for Lawyers,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (December 12, 2019)
- ["Court Jettisons Future Damages Opinion of Expert Who Seemed to Meet Many *Daubert* Criteria,"](#) DRI *For the Defense* (October 2019)
- ["COSA Spotlight: Judge Daniel A. Friedman,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (July 15, 2019)
- ["Partlow Decision Shows That Maryland Closely Guards Scope of Tort Defendants' Duty,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (December 18, 2018)
- ["Why Maryland Appellate Courts Should Send Focus Letters Before Oral Arguments,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (June 21, 2018)
- ["Update: The End of Frye-Reed Draws Closer,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (May 1, 2018)
- ["Why the Baltimore City Circuit Court May Transfer More Tort Cases in 2018,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (January 4, 2018)
- ["The End of *Frye-Reed*,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (October 5, 2017)
- ["Fourth Circuit Weighs 'Exceptional Importance' and Possible En Banc Hearing on Travel Ban 2.0,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (April 7, 2017)
- ["Courts Increasingly Recognize Federal Preemption of Claims Involving All FDA-Approved Medications,"](#) DRI *For the Defense* (September 2016)
- ["On Love-Making, Regrets, and Footnotes in Appellate Briefs,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (November 1, 2016)

- ["Maryland High Court Introduces Civil Liability for Adults Who Allow Underage Drinking,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (July 7, 2016)
- ["Sorting through the Nuts and Bolts of Maryland Appellate Practice,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (March 26, 2016)
- ["Expert's Review of Literature Now Leaves Less Discretion for Exclusion,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (December 5, 2015)
- ["Maryland Court of Appeals Aims to Take Fewer Cases, But Petitioners' Success Rates Stay the Same,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (September 23, 2015)
- ["Rough Justice is Not Simple Justice: Fourth Circuit Guts *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* and Creates Circuit Split by Ordering Title VII Claims Certified as Rule 23\(b\)\(3\) Class,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (May 21, 2015)
- ["Fourth Circuit Applies 'Gist of the Action' Doctrine: Avoids Slippery Slope of Rule 15,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (May 4, 2015)
- ["Why Government Lawyers Must Do Better: The Fourth Circuit Blasts the EEOC for 'Disappointing Litigation Conduct,'"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (February 23, 2015)
- ["Fourth Circuit Tackles Federal Preemption in Bottled-Water Labeling Claim,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (January 22, 2015)
- ["Judge Pamela Harris and the Fourth Circuit's Collaborative Culture,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (November 18, 2014)
- ["Obamacare on Appeal: Statutory Construction of This Politically Charged Question Will Inevitably Be Called Judicial Activism,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (September 24, 2014)
- ["Why Defendants Should Want to Take More Class Actions to Trial,"](#) Goodell DeVries Blog (June 25, 2014)
- ["An Open Letter to Law Professors: Use This Case to Show Why Statutory Interpretation is Not as Easy as It Sounds,"](#) Maryland Appellate Blog (June 19, 2014)

In the News

- ["Beat the Clock: 4th Circuit Sets Uniform Oral Argument Time,"](#) *National Law Journal* (December 6, 2024)
- ["One More Stressor: Three Circuits Keep Panels Secret Until Argument Day,"](#) *National Law Journal* (February 28, 2024)
- ["Md. High Court Reinstates Murder Convictions Under New Expert Testimony Standard,"](#) *The Daily Record* (June 27, 2022)

Honors and Awards

- Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) – Fellow
 - Trial Law Institute
 - Diversity Law Institute
- Chambers USA
 - Litigation: Appellate (Maryland), Band 1 (2022-2025)
- Best Lawyers in America
 - Baltimore Lawyer of the Year, Appellate Practice (2024 and 2026)
 - Appellate Practice (2023-2026)
 - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (2026)
- Maryland Super Lawyers
 - Appellate Law (2017-2025)