

Amanda Norris *Ames*



Amanda is a trial attorney in Charlottesville, Virginia, where she focuses her practice on business and antitrust litigation and counseling, education law, and criminal defense.

Amanda has advised individuals and large and small businesses in a wide variety of matters. Her experience includes litigating contract disputes, business torts, criminal matters, tax and bankruptcy issues, and antitrust matters in federal and state courts. She has also represented students in Title IX and student conduct proceedings before higher education panels. Amanda has helped clients through all stages of investigation and litigation, including initial case assessment and strategy, criminal and civil investigations, written and electronic discovery, hearings, depositions, and trials.

Prior to entering private practice, Amanda worked at the U.S. Department of Justice as both a Trial Attorney in the Tax Division and a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. There she handled numerous investigations, depositions, hearings, and trials in courts throughout the Southeast.

Amanda also counsels clients with antitrust and distribution issues, including developing strategies for avoiding antitrust and distribution problems and complying with state and federal antitrust, franchise, and distribution laws. Amanda is a member of Womble Carlyle's Impact Team, whose mission is to support the growth of businesses and entrepreneurs in the Impact Economy, and enjoys working with small businesses in the Charlottesville area.

Amanda contributes to the Womble Carlyle Antitrust and Distribution Law Blog and the [Western District of Virginia Law Blog](#).

PRIOR LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Attorney Honors Program, Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Trial Attorney, 2008-2013
- Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Domestic Violence Section, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, 2008-2009
- Student Attorney, Civil Rights and Labor Management Division, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, Spring 2008, Legal Intern, Summer 2006

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Antitrust, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Antitrust Litigation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Consumer Finance Litigation
- Franchise Law
- Impact Economy
- Education and School Law



- Student Attorney, Civil Rights and Labor Management Division, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, Spring 2008, Legal Intern, Summer 2006
- Summer Associate, Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon, LLP (now Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP), Summer 2007

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Treasurer, Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association
- Pro Bono Volunteer with the Center for Sustainable Change, Smart Cville, Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP), Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE), DC Bar Advice and Referral Clinic at Bread for the City, and child support and custody matters
- Charlottesville Women United Together in Philanthropy
- Volunteer with Girls on the Run, DC and Central Virginia Chapters
- Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Co-Chair of Litigation Forum, 2013-2014

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- Illinois

Admitted to practice before:

- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia

EDUCATION

- J.D. | 2008 | Washington University School of Law
 - *Washington University Law Review*,
 - Scholar in Law Award
- B.S. | 2005 | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign