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Tillman Breckenridge is an experienced appellate lawyer whose practice includes a diverse range of matters. In 2018, he became the youngest fellow ever—and the first under 40—elected to the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

Tillman has represented companies, organizations, individuals, and foreign, state, and local governments before the United States Supreme Court, every federal court of appeals, and several state courts, such as the Supreme Court of Virginia, the California Courts of Appeal, and the Illinois Courts of Appeal.

His work has led to numerous honors. He has been named to Savoy Magazine's Most Influential Black Lawyers in America; an honorary member of the Order of the Barristers; a Washington, D.C. SuperLawyer; and a member of Virginia's Legal Elite. He is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

Outside of his private practice, Tillman has served as an adjunct professor of law at William and Mary Law School, where he founded the Appellate & Supreme Court Clinic. And he regularly speaks on appellate and related topics.

Tillman earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he argued (successfully) his first appeal as a third-year student in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in a case that presented an issue of first impression.



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## Associations

- National Foundation for Judicial Excellence – President; Board of Directors
- Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court – Master
- American Academy of Appellate Lawyers – Fellow; Chair of Drew Days Committee on Diversity
- National Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association – Appellate Council

## Speaking Engagements

- 2022 National Foundation for Judicial Excellence Symposium: Public Confidence in the Judiciary and the Rule of Law – Moderator of panel with Hon. Allison H. Eid, U.S.C.A. Tenth Circuit, Hon. Susan P. Graber, U.S.C.A. Ninth Circuit, and Hon. Leslie H. Southwick, U.S.C.A. Fifth Circuit
- 2022 North Carolina Bar Association Appellate Section: How to Build an Appellate Practice – Panel
- 2022 Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention: Started From the Bottom: Preserving Error in the Trial Court So Your Whole Appeal is Heard
- 2022 American Academy of Appellate Lawyers Winger Meeting
- 2022 DRI Litigation Skills Seminar: What to Do After the Nuclear Verdict: Appeal Strategies – Panelist
- 2021 Copyright Society Panel: Unicolors v. H&M
- 2021 Virginia Bar Association Appellate Summit: Practicing in the Fourth Circuit – Panel with Hon. Pamela Harris, U.S.C.A. Fourth Circuit and Patricia S. Connor, Clerk, U.S.C.A. Fourth Circuit
- 2021 Corporate Counsel Roundtable: Getting the Best Out of the Appellate Courts – Winning Appeals and Shaping the Law – Moderator of panel with Chad Pekron, Managing Counsel – Appeals & Strategic Litigation at Walmart and Adam Deckinger, Head of Litigation at Tyson Foods
- 2021 American Academy of Appellate Lawyers Fall Meeting: Law Firm Culture





Post-Pandemic – Moderator of panel

- 2021 Lawline: Alston v. NCAA: Applying Antitrust Law to the Billion Dollar World of College Sports – Panelist
- 2021 Sidley: NCAA v. Alston: Moving the Ball Forward for Student Athlete Compensation
- 2021 DRI Toxic Torts Seminar: A Year in Review: Jurisdiction and Removability – Panelist
- 2021 New York City Bar Association: NCAA v. Alston – Panelist

## Awards

Savoy Magazine – America’s Most Influential Black Lawyers

National Bar Association – 40 Under 40

Just the Beginning Foundation – 20 Under 40

ACLU of Southern California Criminal Justice Award

Washington D.C. SuperLawyers

Virginia’s Legal Elite

