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Jonathan Hall is a partner in the firm's Professional Negligence & Product Liability Defense Group, where he has more than 25 years of jury trial experience in cases involving wrongful death, catastrophic injuries, commercial and employment disputes, professional negligence and other high-exposure claims. He represents clients in state and federal courts throughout the Carolinas, Virginia and across the country, having taken dozens of cases to jury verdicts throughout his career.

Jonathan is on the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys and previously served as Chair of the organization's Product Liability Section. He also chairs the Trial Technologies and Techniques Special Litigation Group of DRI's Product Liability Section. He represents manufacturers and retailers of products and component parts, including industrial equipment, durable medical equipment, children's toys, automobiles, and trucks, among others.

He has tried cases of alleged medical malpractice and legal malpractice to verdict. He represents regional healthcare systems and individual physician groups throughout North Carolina, including before their various licensing boards.

Jonathan is one of seven kids. He spent most of his developmental and college years playing sports. He is married and is the proud father of three kids who have grown up way too quickly. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, the mountains and beaches of North Carolina, college sports, and playing golf.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Yates v. State Farm Fire and Casualty Company – Obtained jury verdict in federal court in favor of commercial insurance carrier in bad faith case involving arson to a commercial building.
- Estate of Miller v. Invacare Corporation – Obtained defense verdict in products liability action brought against manufacturer of self-propelled electric wheelchair which was alleged to have developed a short circuit in its wiring, resulting in a flash fire which took the life of the chair's user, a 70-year-old woman who lived alone. Defendant overcame graphic, emotional testimony of responding firefighters and well-choreographed adverse expert opinions to convince the jury that the product was free from defects and likely did not cause the fire.
- Baumgardner v. Nurse Midwife and OB/GYN Group - Along with John Beyer, obtained a defense verdict in alleged medical malpractice case



RALEIGH OFFICE



PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
 Product Liability & Mass Tort
 Medical Malpractice
 Defense



EDUCATION

Wake Forest University
 JD, 1993
 University of North Carolina
 at Chapel Hill
 BA, 1989



ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, 1993
 Virginia, 2018
 U.S. Court of Appeals for
 the Fourth Circuit
 U.S. District Court – Eastern
 District of North Carolina
 U.S. District Court –
 Western District of North
 Carolina
 U.S. District Court – Middle
 District of North Carolina



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where our defendant nurse midwife encountered shoulder dystocia during delivery, the result of which was severe and permanent disability for the child.

- Tapp-Thompson v. OB/GYN Practice Group - Along with John Beyer, obtained a defense verdict in alleged medical malpractice case where mother of child with Cerebral Palsy sued healthcare providers for negligence in allegedly failing to recognize and act upon an abnormal fetal monitoring strip, resulting in hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy and permanent, severe brain injuries after birth.
- Hopper v. Werner Co. – Obtained defense verdict in products liability action against the world's largest manufacturer of climbing products. Plaintiffs alleged that a 28-foot extension ladder contained a manufacturing defect which caused one of the ladder's side rails to fail under a load, resulting in serious injuries to a father and son who were using the ladder to clear tree branches from an overhead power line which spanned their property.
- BCJ Trucking v. PACCAR, Inc. – Obtained dismissal on behalf of a manufacturer of 30 tractor trailer trucks in multimillion-dollar case alleging defects in the design and manufacture of diesel fuel emissions control systems.
- Pfirman v. Invacare Corporation – Obtained dismissal on behalf of a bedrail manufacturer in a bedrail entrapment case where Plaintiff's family member perished as a result of strangulation after nursing home staff improperly attempted to use bedrails as a patient restraint.
- Various Wrongful Death trials from auto accidents: Obtained defense verdicts in more than half a dozen wrongful death trials arising out of various automobile accidents, truck accidents, and pedestrian cases.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Product Liability: Risk Management and When to Go to Trial," DRI Annual Product Liability Conference , February 2017

HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America* in Personal Injury Litigation: Defendants, Insurance Litigation, 2016-2021



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- Martindale Hubbell peer review AV rated lawyer
- Named one of top 11 products liability lawyers in the country, 2013 BTI Client Services Group
- Invacare Corporation, Outside Counsel of the Year, 2010

MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, Board of Directors, 2019-2022; Product Liability Section, Chair, 2018-2019, Vice Chair, 2017
- Defense Research Institute, Products Liability Section, Trial Techniques & Technology Specialized Litigation Group, Chair, 2018-2019, Vice Chair, 2016-2017
- North Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society, Board of Trustees, 2017-present
- North Carolina Bar Association
- Wake County Bar Association