
VIRGINIA CRIMINAL PRACTICE REVIEW · 2025 · SAMPLE — FICTIONAL
ATTORNEY, ILLUSTRATIVE FIGURES

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A verified data portrait of a Chesapeake defense practice — every case traceable to a public court record. This sample shows the exact format of a real review, with fictional figures.

Sample edition · 412 cases of record analyzed, CY2025 · case-number appendix ships with real reviews

SAMPLE — FICTIONAL FIGURES

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01 — EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

What your 2025 filings say

Your record stands at **412 cases across 9 jurisdictions** – the top 2% of Virginia's 17,560 private defense attorneys by volume. In four of your five biggest venues your dismissal rate beats the courthouse norm, and your DUI reduction rate runs well above the state's.

412 Cases of record across 9 jurisdictions. Seven clerk renderings of your name found and merged – your public footprint showed only a slice of this.

41% Chesapeake dismissed/nolle rate vs 26% court-wide – a 15-point edge in your home courthouse, on 184 cases.

54% Of your DUI charges were reduced against a 25% statewide rate – the strongest charge line in your record.

88% Of district convictions carried no active time (94 of 107) – four points above the statewide private-counsel norm.

02 — THE RECORD, MADE WHOLE

Seven spellings, one practice

Virginia's court clerks logged your 2025 work under seven renderings — **Whitfield, M; Whitfield, Marcus; Whitfield, Marcus T**; two typo forms; a hyphenated variant; and your firm name standing as counsel of record. Any single one understates your practice. This review merges all seven under clerk-of-record matching; every number that follows is computed on the complete merged record.

412 Charges of record, CY2025	9 Jurisdictions appeared in	351 / 61 District / circuit split
34.7% Dismissed or nolle prossed	24.5% Reduced at disposition	139 Convicted counts (all tiers)

03 — VENUE SCORECARD

Four of your five biggest venues, you beat the courthouse

VENUE	YOUR CASES	YOUR DISMISSED/NOLLE	COURTHOUSE NORM	EDGE
Chesapeake	184	41%	26%	+15
Virginia Beach	96	33%	24%	+9
Norfolk	58	36%	28%	+8
Suffolk	41	30%	23%	+7
Portsmouth	33	22%	27%	-5
Dismissed/nolle share of cases of record, CY2025, per venue. Norm = all defendants, all counsel types, same venue and year.				

Portsmouth (22% vs 27%) is the one below-the-line venue. Honest number, worth knowing — a credible record includes it.

04 — CHARGE SCORECARD

Where the record is strong – and where it is honest

CHARGE CATEGORY	CASES	DISMISSED (YOU / VA)	REDUCED (YOU / VA)
DUI / DWI	118	9% / 10%	54% / 25%
Reckless driving	84	17% / 20%	52% / 41%
Assault & battery	61	57% / 51%	5% / 3%
Larceny / theft	49	45% / 38%	12% / 8%
Drug possession	44	18% / 21%	9% / 10%
Cases of record, n≥10 categories. "VA" = statewide all-counsel rate, same category and year.			

The strong lines: DUI reductions at more than twice the state rate, reckless well above it, assault dismissals above the norm.

The honest lines: drug possession runs at the state norms — included because a credible record includes them.