



## Bria Smith

Associate

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**Bria works to find strategic solutions to clients' legal needs and supports them when litigation becomes unavoidable.**

### PRACTICES

Business Litigation  
Appellate

### EDUCATION

University of Virginia Law School, J.D.,  
2022

*Virginia Journal of Law and Technology*,  
Articles Editor

William Minor Lile Moot Court  
Competition

Best Appellate Brief in Research and  
Writing Section

Claremont McKenna College, B.A., 2018  
*magna cum laude*

Phi Beta Kappa

McKenna Merit Scholar

Best Senior Thesis, Religious Studies

Women's Tennis Team, Starter

3rd Place Finish, NCAA DIII Team

National Championship

Bria's fact-based and detail-oriented approach to the practice of law makes her an important part of the litigation team. She assists senior attorneys in developing persuasive arguments and utilizes her advocacy, writing, and research skills to support clients' business objectives when they face litigation in federal and state court.

Bria has experience working on matters involving contract disputes, licensing issues, leasehold issues, regulatory takings issues, and public private partnerships. During law school, Bria gained valuable experience representing clients in court and tried her final case on her own.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Bria was a member of the trial team at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. She has also served as a judicial intern for Justice William W. Hood, III on the Colorado Supreme Court, legal extern for the Colorado Office of Alternate Defense Counsel, and executive intern in the Colorado Governor's Office.