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EDUCATION

- J.D. Law, Washington & Lee University School of Law
- B.A., Psychology West Virginia University
- Honor Graduate, United States Army Judge Advocate General's School at the University of Virginia

ADMISSIONS

- · District of Columbia
- Virginia
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- U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit
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- · U.S. District Court District of Columbia
- · U.S. District Court Northern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court Eastern U.S. District Court Southern District of West Virginia
 - United States Supreme Court

PUBLICATIONS

- Medical Malpractice Law in Virginia, Chapter 1 (Statutes and Rules update), Virginia CLE (2006)
- Medical Malpractice Case Study, Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys Spring Section Series, May 12, 2006, Charlottesville, Virginia

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association Virginia Bar Association
- Loudoun County Bar Association
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys (2005-06)

HONORS & AWARDS

- Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (x2), and Army Achievement Medal (x2), United States Army
- Honor Graduate, 155th JAG Corps Officer Basic Course, United States Army
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Mensa Member

FULL BIO

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From 2001 – 2005, Ellis served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Ellis was recognized as Honor Graduate of the 155th Officer Basic Course of United States Army Judge Advocate General's School located at the University of Virginia. Subsequently, he served as a military prosecutor at Fort Belvoir (Virginia), and also as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division. After concluding his service as a military prosecutor, Ellis served as a military defense attorney at Fort Benning, Georgia. While a member of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, Ellis was lead trial counsel in numerous courts-martial tried before military judges and juries at various military installations, including Fort Belvoir (Virginia), Fort Benning (Georgia), Fort Rucker (Alabama), Redstone Arsenal (Alabama), and Guantanamo Bay (Cuba). Given his military experience, Ellis also specializes in military defense (courts-martial and administrative separations), security clearance defense, government debarment defense, and government contract disputes.

Ellis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from West Virginia University in 1996. He was also initiated into the University's Phi Beta Kappa chapter. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1999. During law school, Ellis was selected to represent Washington and Lee University as a member of its Jessup International Moot Court Team.

Ellis was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and raised in Pendleton County, West Virginia. He was president of his high school student body and was captain of his high school basketball and baseball teams. In his free time, he enjoys running and playing basketball.

