

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2025-2026 EDITION

Recent case law affecting this area of law is discussed within the text:

- In *Cas. Co. v. Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, LLC*, 2024 WL 3859804 (W.D. Va. 2024), a fire protection company under contract with a university to inspect and maintain the fire suppression system of a kitchen range was held entitled to seek indemnity against the system's manufacturer for alleged defects that caused the plaintiff's alleged damages, but the fire protection company was held not entitled to seek contribution where the company was only liable to the university in contract and not tort.
- In *Cook v. Chiltrix, Inc.*, 2024 WL 1737538 (E.D. Va. 2024), the Court dismissed a product liability warranty action brought in the Norfolk Division of the Eastern District of Virginia, where the manufacturer's warranty specified suit in Virginia Beach, which necessarily meant state court inasmuch as there is no federal courthouse in Virginia Beach.