

Marks & Harrison Represents Richmond-area Woman in \$100 Million Sexual Assault Suit Against Massage Luxe International

Repeat offender also named in suit by four Virginia women

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-- On February 9, 2022, [Marks & Harrison](#) filed a lawsuit (Case No.: CL22-580) in Virginia Beach Circuit Court on behalf of a Richmond-area woman who was a victim of sexual

abuse and exploitation at Massage Luxe Williamsburg. The plaintiff is one of four women who have come forward seeking justice from the national massage chain and franchisee as well as from a Virginia man previously found guilty on multiple counts of sexual crimes.



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The lawsuit centers on the promise made by Massage Luxe International that it will provide its prospective customers and consumers with safe and professional massage services. This promise of safety in the treatment rooms was made while Massage Luxe defendants were knowingly, purposefully, and intentionally concealing their hiring and retention of employees.

“This lawsuit should be a wakeup call for the massage industry nationwide,” said Marks & Harrison Attorney Ryan T. Walker. “Our research shows the number of known sexual assault incidents pales in comparison to the assaults that are not reported. Consumers deserve the

utmost safety and protection in a massage setting, and this toxic system needs to change.”

Marks & Harrison is concerned that there may be more victims out there who have not yet found the courage to come forward.

“We encourage anyone who is victimized in a massage setting to take action by alerting your local police department,” said Walker.

Marks & Harrison was founded in 1911 by David A. Harrison, Jr. and has continued its practice uninterrupted since that time. For more than three generations its attorneys have represented the families of Virginia. One of the largest personal injury law firms in the state, Marks & Harrison employs 26 attorneys and more than 100 support personnel who focus their work on representing injured Virginians in injury, wrongful death, workers’ compensation, and Social Security disability matters. Among Marks & Harrison’s support staff are a former claims adjuster and seven investigators, including a former state trooper and two police officers.

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