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David is a partner in the law firm of Blankingship & Keith, P.C.. He is a civil litigator with over 35 years of trial practice, primarily before the various Virginia Circuits Courts in Northern Virginia as well as the Federal Courts for the Eastern District of Virginia.

He also has substantial appellate experience arguing before the Supreme Court of Virginia and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. His practice has concentrated on commercial litigation, employment law, real estate law, legal malpractice defense, and appellate representation.

David is an active member of the Virginia State Bar, currently serving on Bar Council and on the Disciplinary Board, and previously having served as Chair of the Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline and Chair of the Fifth District Disciplinary Committee. He also served as a member for 6 years on the Professionalism Committee and was appointed to the faculty of the Mandatory Professionalism Course.

David currently serves on the Board of Governors for the Virginia Bar Association and on the Civil Litigation Council. David also has been an active member of the Boyd Graves Conference, and has had the opportunity to chair several committees.

David also serves on the Board of the Virginia Law Foundation and is a member of the Virginia CLE Committee.

Earlier in his career, David held several leadership positions with the Fairfax Bar Association, including serving as President, a Member of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Circuit Court Committee, and a member of the Judicial Screening Committee. Notably, he has been a Co-Editor of the Fairfax Circuit Court Practice Manual since 2002 (which includes the 2002, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2014 and 2018 Editions).

David received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia, where he was awarded the UVA Alumni Association Distinguished Student Award. For over 20 years beginning in 1993, David has returned for most winters to Charlottesville to serve as a faculty member of the National Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Practice Areas

- Business and Corporate Law
- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Real Estate and Leasing
- Employment Law
- Legal Malpractice Defense
- Nonprofit Organization
- Education Law and Litigation
- Appellate and Trial Consulting Practice

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (1988)
- University of Virginia (*with High Distinction*, 1985)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia State Bar, 1988
- Supreme Court of the United States, 2013
- Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1988
- United States District Court (Eastern District of Virginia), 1988
- United States Bankruptcy Court, (Eastern District of Virginia), 1989

Representative Cases

- McLean v. Ray, 488 Fed. Appx. 677, 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 14857 (4th Cir. 2012)
- Gen. Tech. Applications, Inc v. Exro Ltda, 388 F.3d 114 (4th Cir. 2004)
- Premier Signatures International, Inc. v. Feld Entertainment Productions, Inc., 1999 U.S. App. LEXIS 14028; Case No. 98-2456 (unpublished opinion) (4th Cir. 1999)
- Leonard v. J.C. Pro Wear, Inc., et al., 64 F.3d 657 (4th Cir. 1995); U.S. App. LEXIS 29888; U.S. App. LEXIS 24340; 1995 - 2 Trade Case P71, 108
- Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Co. v. Hancock, et al, 600 F. Supp. 2d 702 (E.D. Va. 2009)
- Firestone v. Wiley, 485 F. Supp. 2d 694 (E.D. Va. 2007)
- Middleburg Training Center, Inc. v. Firestone, 477 F.Supp. 2d 719 E.D. Va. 2007)
- Physicians Comm. For Responsible Med. v. General Mills, Inc. 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 87047 (E.D. Va. 2006)
- Continental Cas. Co. v. Graham & Schewe, 339 F.Supp.2d 723 (E.D. Va. 2004)
- In the Matter of Barbara S. Franklin and Priscilla B. Ransohoff, 709 F. Supp. 109 (E.D. Va. 1989); U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3106

- *McDiarmid Trustee of McDiarmid Land Trust v. Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority* Supreme Court of Virginia. February 21, 2019 Not Reported in S.E. Rptr. 2019 WL 827080
- *Shareholder Representative Servs. L.L.C. v. Airbus Americas Inc.*, 292 Va. 682 (2016)
- *John C. Donnelly, et al. v. Donatelli & Klein, Inc., et al.*, 258 Va. 171, 519 S.E.2d 133 (1999)
- *George Atkisson, et al. v. Wexford Associates, et al and Wexford Associates, et al. v. George Atkisson, et al.*, 254 Va. 449, 493 S.E.2d 524 (1997)
- *Hazel & Thomas, P.C., et al. v. Shahram Yavari, et al.*, 251 Va. 162, 465 S.E.2d 812 (1996)
- *Airbus Americas Inc. v. Shareholder Representative Servs. L.L.C.* (90 Va. Cir. 284 (2015))

Professional Honors & Activities

Professional Honors

- *U.S. News - Best Lawyers in America®*, Commercial Litigation and Professional Malpractice Law (2009-2025)
- *U.S. News - Best Lawyers in America®*, Lawyer of the Year, Professional Malpractice Law (2022)
- *Virginia Business Magazine*, Legal Elite: Labor and Employment Law and Civil Litigation (2012-2024)
- *Virginia Super Lawyer*, Business Litigation, Employment & Labor and Real Estate (2006-2024)
- *Virginia Super Lawyer*, Top 100 (2020)
- *Arlington Magazine*, Top Attorney, Construction Law (2021-2023) and Litigation (2022-2023)
- *Richmond Magazine*, Top Lawyer (2013-2021)
- *Washington Magazine*, Top Lawyer (2014-2024)
- *Northern Virginia Magazine*, Top Lawyer for Employment Law (2020)
- Recognized in the premiere issue of *Super Lawyers* Corporate Counsel Edition for Business Litigation (2007)
- Rated AV Preeminent Attorney- Judicial Edition by Martindale-Hubbell (2017-2021)
- Rated AV Preeminent Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell (1999-2021)
- Fairfax Bar Association President's Award (2002, 2007, and 2013)

Professional Activities

VIRGINIA STATE BAR

- Disciplinary Board, Chair, 2024 - , First Vice Chair, 2022- 2024, Member, 2019-
- Bar Council Representative, 2016-2022
- Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline, Chair 2016-2019, Vice Chair 2015-2016, Member 2013 – 2019)
- Fifth District Disciplinary Committee, Chair, 2005-06, Vice-Chair (Section I) 2003-04, Secretary (Section I) 2002-03, Member 2000-06
- Member, Standing Committee on Professionalism, 2006- 12
- Faculty Member, Mandatory Professionalism Course, 2006- 09

VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION

- Board Member, Board of Governors, 2018-2021
- Civil Litigation Council Member, 2013-2021

VIRGINIA LAW FOUNDATION

- Vice President, 2024 -
- Member, Board of Directors, 2020-
- Fellow, 2017-
- Chair, VA CLE Committee 2021 and 2022

BOYD GRAVES CONFERENCE

- Member, 2015-

FAIRFAX BAR ASSOCIATION

- President, 2010 - 11
- President-Elect, 2009-10
- Vice President, 2008-09
- Treasurer, 2007-08
- Secretary 2006-07
- Member, Board of Directors, 2003-12
- Co-Editor, Fairfax Circuit Court Practice Manual (2002, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2014, and 2018 Eds.)
- Circuit Court Committee, Chair 2000- 2003, Vice Chair 1998-2000
- Law Library Committee, Chair 1995-98; Vice Chair 1994-95
- Legislative Committee, Chair 1999-2000
- Convention Committee, Vice Chair 1998-1999
- Judicial Screening Committee, Member 2002-2003
- Law-Related Education Committee 1991-95
- Model Judiciary Program 1991-99
- Courthouse Construction Task Force 1997-1999
- Law Day Committee, 1989- 1991

FAIRFAX LAW FOUNDATION

- President, 2008-09
- Vice President, 2007-08
- Secretary, 2006-07
- Member, Board of Directors, 2003-

FAIRFAX POLICE YOUTH CLUB

- Counsel 2000-
- President 1997-2000
- First Vice President 1995-96
- Second Vice-President 1994-95
- Treasurer 1990-93

LEADERSHIP FAIRFAX

- Member, Class of 1998

Community Service

- Vice President, Virginia Law Foundation (2024), Board Member (2020 - present)
- Board Member, Fairfax Law Foundation, (2003 - present)
- Chairman, Fairfax Public Law Library Committee (1995-1999)
- President, Fairfax Police Youth Club (1997-2000)
- Board Member, Fairfax Police Youth Club (1989-present)
- Employment Law Clinic Volunteer, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, (2015 - present)
- Fairfax 8th Grade Tour Program, Attorney Guide
- Leadership Fairfax Member (1997-present)
- Instructor, Model Judiciary program at Annandale High School, (1989-2000)
- Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 895, Falls Church, VA
- Falls Church Recreation Coach (soccer, basketball)

News & Insights

- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized Among Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite
- Twenty-Seven Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- David Gogal Appointed as Chair of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board
- Twenty Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Attorneys Named Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2024
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine as "Legal Elite" in Virginia Business Magazine's 2023 Rankings
- Thirteen Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as Top Attorneys by Arlington Magazine
- Twenty-two Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2024 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- Virginia Access to Justice Commission Recognizes Blankingship & Keith Attorneys on 2023 Pro Bono Honor Roll
- Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Attorneys Named Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2023
- 20 Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named "Legal Elite" by Virginia Business Magazine