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Civil Litigation

The civil litigation attorneys at Blankingship & Keith are trial-tested litigators experienced in all areas of civil litigation.

We are well-equipped to handle a wide variety of business and personal disputes, and are committed to finding the best and most cost-effective solution to each problem. Our team has a wealth of experience with jury and non-jury trials in state and federal courts.

We are equally comfortable with alternate dispute resolution, whether by mediation, arbitration, or negotiation. Many cases are settled short of trial, but we believe that our reputation for skill and tenacity in the courtroom is an important asset which helps us achieve favorable outcomes.

We recognize that straight hourly rate billing can present an additional problem for an individual or business faced with litigation. We are willing to consider flexible billing arrangements which are fair to both the client and the firm.

We regularly assist plaintiff and defendant clients with a wide variety of cases, including:

- contract disputes
- business torts (civil conspiracy, interference with contract, etc.)
- real estate
- specific performance
- commissions
- non-competition agreements
- trade secret litigation
- employment disputes
- resolution of title insurance claims
- estate and fiduciary matters
- partnership/corporate control and/or dissolution issues
- professional negligence

- evictions

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Related Cases

- Defended Individuals and Corporations in Virginia State and Federal Courts
- Obtained Preliminary Injunction Protecting Trade Secrets for Government Contracting IT Company
- Idearc Media Corp. v. Reliable 24 Hour Plumbing, 2007 US Dist. LEXIS 67361 (E.D.Va. 2007)
- Shehadeh v. Fountains of McLean, 78 Va. Cir. 357 (Fairfax, 2009)
- Army Navy Country Club v. City of Fairfax, 2011 Va. Cir. LEXIS 187 (Fairfax, VA, 2011)
- City of Fairfax v. The Lamb Center, 2011 Va. Cir. LEXIS 234 (Fairfax, VA, 2011)

- I.G.S. vs. The Commerce Executive Park Association of Co-Owners, 2015 Va. Cir. LEXIS (Fairfax, VA, 2015)
- Espire Services, LLC, v. Gracias Juan, LLC, Case No. 1:21-cv-1355, Aug. 9, 2022. EDVA
- Mountain Valley Pipeline Litigation
- Secured Settlement for Complete Relief as Requested in a Private Nuisance Dispute Between Neighbors
- Obtained Victory for Homeowners in Overturning Unlawful Arlington County Zoning Amendment
- Successful Defense in Trademark Infringement Case Involving Mensa® Mark
- Defended Distributor of Magic Bullet® Blender in Patent Infringement Litigation

Related Cases

Selection of Reported Cases

- *Susan E. Phillips v. John Mark Rohrbaugh, Jr.* 2021 WL 4898511 (Supreme Court of Virginia, 2021)
- *Historic Alexandria Foundation v. City of Alexandria, et al.*, 299 Va. 694, 858 S.E. 2d 199 (2021)
- *Shareholder Representative Services, LLC v. Airbus Americas, Inc.,* 292 Va. 682, 791 S.E.2d 724 (2016)
- *Paul Lee, et al. v. Lisa Spoden*, 290 Va. 235 (Supreme Court of Virginia, 2015)
- *McLean v. Ray*, 488 Fed. Appx. 677, 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 14857 (4th Cir. 2012)
- *Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Co. v. Hancock, et al.*, 600 F. Supp. 2d 702 (E.D. Va. 2009)
- *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)
- *Alexakis v. Mallios*, 261 Va. 425 (Supreme Court of Virginia, 2001)
- *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
- *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)

Practice Recognition

U.S. News - Best Law Firms **rankings**

National

- Litigation - Real Estate (Tier 1)
- Commercial Litigation (Tier3)

Regional - Washington, DC

- Bet-the-Company Litigation (Tier1)
- Commercial Litigation (Tier1)
- Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants (Tier1)

- Litigation - Real Estate (Tier1)
- Litigation - Trusts & Estates (Tier1)
- Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants (Tier1)
- Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs (Tier1)
- Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs (Tier1)
- Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants (Tier1)
- Litigation - Health Care (Tier2)

News & Insights

- Thirty-Two Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch
- David Gogal and Chidi James Serve on Faculty of National Trial Advocacy College
- Blankingship & Keith Earns First Chambers USA Ranking for General Commercial Litigation in Virginia
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Blankingship & Keith Welcomes Veteran Trial and Appellate Lawyer Michael W. Robinson as Principal
- David J. Gogal Elected President of the Virginia Law Foundation
- Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Announces 2025 Northern Virginia Magazine Top Attorneys
- Blankingship & Keith Named Among 2026 “Best Law Firms” by Best Lawyers®
- Ten Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized Among Arlington Magazine’s 2025 Top Attorneys
- Thirty Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Editions of Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®
- Chidi I. James Named Best-in-State Lawyer in Virginia for Civil Litigation by Forbes
- Twenty-One Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Attorneys Named Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2025
- Kevin F.X. DeTurris Secures Key Virginia Court of Appeals Win for Constellis, LLC on Successor Liability
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized Among Virginia Business Magazine’s Legal Elite
- Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Receives National and Regional Recognition in Best Lawyers® 2025 "Best Law Firms"
- Eleven Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as Top Attorneys in Arlington Magazine's 2024 List
- Three Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Honored by Virginia Lawyers Weekly
- Twenty-Seven Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- Blankingship & Keith's Managing Principal Laurie Kirkland Honored in Virginia Lawyers Weekly's Influential Women of Law Class of 2024
- Blankingship & Keith Proudly Introduces Laurie Kirkland as Managing Principal
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine as "Legal Elite" in Virginia Business Magazine's 2023 Rankings
- Ten Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as “Top Lawyers” by Northern Virginia Magazine
- Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Earns National and Regional Recognition in Best Lawyers® 2024 "Best Law Firms"
- Twenty-two Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2024 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- Chambers USA 2023 Recognizes Blankingship & Keith Principal John A.C. Keith
- Principal Gifford Hampshire Quoted in Washington Post Article
- Blankingship & Keith Principal Michael K. Kim Named "Go To Lawyer" for Business Litigation by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.
- 20 Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named “Legal Elite” by Virginia Business Magazine

- Five Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named “Top Lawyers” by Northern Virginia Magazine
- Thirteen Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named 2022 Top Attorneys by Arlington Magazine
- Blankingship & Keith Adds Two New Attorneys to the Firm
- Twenty Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers in America®
- Blankingship & Keith Princpal Juli Porto Obtains a Pair of Appellate Victories for Her Clients
- John A.C. Keith Named to Virginia Lawyers Weekly’s Inaugural Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame Class