

## 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

## Related Attorneys

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- Paul B. Terpak
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## Related Cases

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### 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) (4<sup>th</sup> 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

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### **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

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- 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"

- 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 Principal Juli Porto Obtains a Pair of Appellate Victories for Her Clients