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Family Law

Domestic relations law in Virginia addresses a wide range of issues of importance to individuals and families. While the concept readily calls to mind separation, divorce, and attendant concerns such as child custody, support, and the division of marital assets, our team also assists clients in non-divorce cases as well.

Backed by a knowledgeable and efficient support staff, our family law group offers discreet, thorough, and zealous representation. Although we never hesitate to litigate when the occasion demands, we also urge our clients to explore alternative dispute resolution avenues, such as negotiated compromise and settlement, mediation or arbitration, or marital and co-parenting counseling.

Our family law practice has earned a reputation as one of the best in Northern Virginia and is recognized as a top tier practice regionally by *U.S. News – Best Law Firms* and members of the team are recognized in family law by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*, *Super Lawyers*, *Arlington Magazine* “Top Attorneys”, *Virginia Business Magazine* “Legal Elite”, Northern Virginia Magazine “Top Lawyers”, and *Washingtonian Magazine’s* “Top Lawyers”.

Separation and Divorce

Separation and divorce can be stressful and life-altering events for all family members, including children. Legal complexities that arise when a family divides often appear overwhelming and require an understanding of emotional and financial issues in conjunction with the client’s legal rights. Our highly qualified and esteemed lawyers are available to guide you through those troubling times. We provide legal advice and representation in such matters as:

- annulment;
- divorce;
- custody and visitation;
- parent relocation and change of custody issues;
- parental abduction;
- spousal and child support and support modification;

- equitable distribution of marital assets and liabilities (including division of complicated business interests and tracing of separate and marital property interests);
- enforcement of settlement agreements or Court orders for support or property division and other post-divorce issues, including those pertaining to division of retirement assets;
- domestic relations appellate litigation; and
- other related matters.

Non-Divorce Matters

Family law practice encompasses more than matters related to separation or divorce that impact the formation of a family or for a family in transition. Our family law team also assists clients with non-divorce matters, including:

- marital planning through the negotiation and preparation of pre-marital and marital contracts;
- negotiation and preparation of non-marital cohabitant agreements and the resolution of disputes arising out of non-marital cohabitant arrangements;
- establishing paternity;
- obtaining or defending against protective orders;
- adoption; and
- grandparent and third-party custody or visitation.

LGBTQ+ Marriage Equality and Family Law

Because of the landmark decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and recently enacted Federal legislation aimed at protecting rights of individuals in same-sex and interracial marriages, same sex couples, previously denied the right of and access to marriage in Virginia, may now wed. They face the same concerns and must deal with the same issues arising under domestic relations law as do heterosexual couples, but with little established Virginia precedent directly on point to guide them. Blankingship & Keith is experienced and well qualified to assist in such matters.

Related Attorneys

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Related Cases

- Custody Modification Trial | $245,000 Attorneys' Fee Award

Practice Recognition

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

Regional - Washington, DC

- Family Law (Tier1)
- Family Law Mediation (Tier2)

News & Insights

- Thirty-Two Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Fairfax Circuit Court Awards $245,000 in Attorneys' Fees After Custody Trial
- FAQ: Custody Litigation & Attorneys' Fees (Virginia)
- 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®
- Blankingship & Keith's Juli M. Porto Prevails in Virginia Court of Appeals, Secures Complete Appellate Victory in Divorce Case
- Twenty-One Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Attorneys Named Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2025
- Supreme Court of Virginia Clarifies: Unpaid Child Support Can Be Pursued as Contractual Claims
- Blankingship & Keith P.C. Names Staci H. Figueroa as Principal
- 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
- Four Blankingship & Keith Family Law attorneys Named Washingtonian Top Divorce Lawyers
- Twenty Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Attorneys Named Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2024

- Arlington Magazine Readers Honor Blankingship & Keith, P.C. as Leading Family Law Firm in 2024 Survey
- 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"
- Thirteen Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as Top Attorneys by Arlington Magazine
- The Havrilak Law Firm, P.C. Joins Blankingship & Keith
- Twenty-two Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2024 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- Brandon v. Coffey, Record No. 0440-22-2 (Va. Ct. App. May 16, 2023)
- Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Attorneys Named Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2023
- Yourko v. Yourko, Record No. 22039 (Va. Mar. 30, 2023)
- 20 Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named “Legal Elite” by Virginia Business Magazine
- Five Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named “Top Lawyers” by Northern Virginia Magazine
- Ten Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named “Top Lawyers” by Washingtonian Magazine
- Thirteen Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named 2022 Top Attorneys by Arlington Magazine
- Blankingship & Keith PC Adds Two New Associates to the Firm
- Washingtonian Honors Three Blankingship & Keith Attorneys with Lifetime Achievement Awards
- Twenty Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as Best Lawyers in America®
- Blankingship & Keith Princpal Juli Porto Obtains a Pair of Appellate Victories for Her Clients
- Blankingship &Keith Principal to Receive a 2022 Fairfax Bar Association Award
- Fifteen Blankingship & Keith Attorneys are Recognized as Super Lawyers
- Blankingship & Keith Wins Important Decision for 7 Virginia School Districts
- Chidi James Announced as FBA James Keith Public Service Awardee