



## David Rust Clarke

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### BIOGRAPHY

David Rust Clarke enjoys a reputation as an experienced and highly principled divorce lawyer. He has over 30 years experience in the area of family law. His practice includes representing clients in routine matters as well as divorce cases involving complex marital estates, custody and support. His clients over the years have included owners of closely held businesses, CEO's and other professionals.

Shunning the bombastic and confrontational style of some practitioners, David is best known for bringing a steadying influence to what is very often a highly charged emotional environment. Fully appreciative of the costs and uncertainties of litigation, David believes that before resorting to the courts his clients are well served by first attempting to reach an accord. However, when settlement is not attainable, clients may rely on David's skills as an experienced litigator and his familiarity with state court divorce proceedings.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Represented both fathers and mothers in contested custody cases.

Represented spouse in multi-million dollar marital estate involving the marshaling and tracing of funds spread worldwide.

Represented spouses in cases involving secreting of marital funds and valuing marital share of closely held businesses.

### PROFESSIONAL HONORS & ACTIVITIES

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2015-2016)  
Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (2010-2015)  
Selected as "Virginia Super Lawyer" since 2007  
Selected as "Legal Elite" lawyer by Virginia Business magazine since 2003

### BAR ASSOCIATIONS

#### Virginia State Bar

- Board of Governors, Family Law Section (Member) 2009-2012
- 5th District Disciplinary Committee (Member) 1993-1999

#### Fairfax Bar Association

- Member, Family Law Section

### PRACTICE AREAS

Civil Litigation

Family Law

### EDUCATION

B.A., 1974, Hampden-Sydney College

J.D., 1979, George Mason University School of Law

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Vienna Youth Inc., Chairman (1998-2008)

- Fairfax County Circuit Court Neutral Case Evaluator (2002-present)

## **SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

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Lecturer for Women's Center: "Virginia Divorce Law"

Lecturer for Half Moon Seminars: "Your Rights Under Equitable Distribution"

Author of Outline: "Understanding Virginia Equitable Distribution Law"

Author: "Rules to Show Cause: The Sometimes Friend of the Family Law Practitioner"