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BIOGRAPHY

David is a principal in the law firm of Blankingship & Keith, P.C. in the City of Fairfax. He is a civil litigator with over 27 years of trial practice, primarily before the various Virginia Circuit 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 has been an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association, 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 and 2014 Editions).

David also is an active member of the Virginia State Bar, currently serving as Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline, and previously serving as 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.

Recently, David was appointed to the Boyd Graves Conference and also has been serving on the Civil Litigation Council of the Virginia Bar Association.

David received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia, where he was awarded the UVA Alumni Association Distinguished Student Award. From 1993 through 2006 and again since 2009, he has returned each January to Charlottesville to serve as a faculty member of the National Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia School of Law.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

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)

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 LEXIS 14028; Case No. 98-2456 (unpublished opinion)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Corporate Law

Civil Litigation

Commercial Real Estate & Commercial Leasing

Employment Law

Legal Malpractice Defense

Local Counsel Services

Nonprofit Organization

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia State Bar (1988)

Supreme Court of the United States (2013)

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals (1988)

Eastern District of Virginia (1988)

Eastern District of Virginia, United States Bankruptcy Court (1989)

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, 1988

University of Virginia, with high distinction, 1985

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chairman, Fairfax Public Law Library Committee (1995-1999)

President, Fairfax Police Youth Club (1997-2000)

Board Member, Fairfax Police Youth Club (1989-present)

Fairfax 8th Grade Tour Program, Attorney

(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

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

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)

PROFESSIONAL HONORS & ACTIVITIES

VIRGINIA STATE BAR

Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline, Vice Chair 2015-, Member 2013

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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

Boyd Graves Conference Member, 2015-
Civil Litigation Council Member, 2013-

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 and 2010 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

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)

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

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Advisor, Crew 836, Falls Church, Va. 2012-

Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 895, Falls Church, Va. 2007-

Committee Vice Chair, Trainer and Den Leader, Pack 657, Falls Church, Va., 2003- 2012