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Brian R. Sanderson joined the Firm in 2015 after 18 years in practice as a Principal with another local firm. He has tried cases to verdict in all of the local courts, including the Federal courts. He is a member of the Fairfax Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, and the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, Medical Malpractice Section.

Mr. Sanderson's practice is concentrated primarily in the representation of individual and institutional health care providers. He has defended the largest hospitals in the District of Columbia and Virginia, as well as community hospitals, emergency care centers, long-term care facilities, specialty and primary care practice groups, individual physicians and other licensed health care professionals.

Mr. Sanderson also counsels clients regarding credentialing and disciplinary issues, Department of Health Profession proceedings, patient confidentiality, consent issues, and general risk management matters. In addition to health care liability, his experience includes defending products liability, legal malpractice, and premises liability claims.

Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Defense

Education

- George Mason University School of Law (1996)
- James Madison University (1989)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia State Bar, 1996
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Professional Honors

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- *Virginia Trial Lawyers Association*, VTLA-VADA Civility and Professionalism Award (2026)
- *U.S News - Best Lawyers in America*®, Medical Malpractice Law: Defendants (2021-2025)
- *U.S News - Best Lawyers in America*®, "Lawyer of the Year", Litigation - Health Care; Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2026)
- *U.S News - Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Health Care; Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants; Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants (2025-26)
- *Virginia Business Magazine*, Legal Elite - Health Law (2023-2024)

News & Insights

- Thirty Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Editions of Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized Among Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite
- Twenty-Seven Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine as "Legal Elite" in Virginia Business Magazine's 2023 Rankings
- Twenty-two Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2024 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- 20 Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named "Legal Elite" by Virginia Business Magazine