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Cynthia Santoni is a seasoned trial lawyer representing large and small health care institutions and individual physicians who have been accused of having committed medical malpractice. She regularly represents emergency physicians and emergency groups throughout Virginia. She is keenly aware that her clients have undergone a traumatic experience, and spends the time necessary to understand their needs, the facts in the case and the ramifications of any strategy.

Comfortable in a courtroom, she tries cases to verdict on a regular basis. She manages all phases of the litigation from the investigation, expert consultation, pleadings, mediation, arbitration and trial. She is licensed to practice in both the State and Federal Courts of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. She is a member of the Fairfax Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, and the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, Medical Malpractice Section. Having more than 30 years of experience as a trial lawyer, she has additionally been lead counsel in numerous complex litigation matters outside of the health care realm, including mass torts, general liability, FELA matters and construction.

Ms. Santoni additionally counsels health care providers regularly on issues regarding credentialing, confidentiality and frequently represents physicians and nurses in disciplinary matters before the Department of Health.

Ms. Santoni is also a strong believer in making justice equally accessible to all people and recognizes the difficulties that the disadvantaged have in obtaining representation. She has chaired numerous committees

throughout her career dedicated to providing pro bono representation to those unable to otherwise retain an attorney. She has represented immigrants, domestic abuse victims, and the disadvantaged in numerous pro bono matters on a regular basis.

Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Defense

Education

- George Mason University School of Law (1983)
- George Mason University (1980)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia State Bar
- Maryland State Bar
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia

Representative ?ases

- Successfully defended a physician against claims of failure to perform prophylactic salpingooophorectomy, resulting in the plaintiff's ovarian cancer.
- Successfully defended a surgeon accused of negligently perforating the bowel, resulting in a near death experience by the plaintiff.

Professional Honors

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- *U.S. News Best Lawyers in America*, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants (2025-2027)

News & Insights

- Thirty-Two Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch
- Thirty Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Editions of Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®
- Twenty-Seven Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers in America