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## Elizabeth C. Morrogh

### **Principal**

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Elizabeth ("Betty Van") Morrogh practices in the areas of Wills, Trusts, and Estates. Her practice includes estate planning, estate and trust administration, and litigation involving fiduciaries and fiduciary matters. She counsels clients in the preparation of estate planning documents to suit their needs and goals.

Ms. Morrogh's clients range from those who need a "simple" will to individuals who may benefit from more complex estate tax planning initiatives. She also represents fiduciaries, such as executors and trustees, to assist them in discharging their duties (including probate filings) or to advise them on legal issues or problems that may arise in connection with the administration of an estate or trust. Ms. Morrogh has substantial experience as a litigator and has handled fiduciary matters before the courts, including will contests, disputes among beneficiaries, and actions to remove fiduciaries.

Ms. Morrogh began her legal career in 1986 as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Fairfax County, Virginia. She left that job in 1992 to work as an attorney with Blankingship & Keith.

#### **Practice Areas**

- Wills, Trusts & Estates
- Taxation

#### Education

- The Ohio State University School of Law (with honors, 1985)
- Mary Washington College (with high honors, 1981)
- Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney (Fairfax County, Virginia, 1986-1991)

#### **Bar Admissions**

• Virginia State Bar, 1985

#### **Professional Honors & Activities**

#### **Professional Honors**

- Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell
- Super Lawyers (Trusts and Estates) since 2012
- Virginia Business Magazine "Legal Elite" since 2004
- U.S. News Best Lawyers in America (Trusts and Estates) since 2015
- Northern Virginia Magazine "Top Lawyer" (Trusts and Estates, Wills and Probate) since 2014
- Arlington Magazine "Top Lawyer" (Trusts & Estates) since 2021
- Washingtonian Magazine "Top Lawyer (Wills, Trusts & Estates) 2022-2024
- Member, Standing Committee on Commissioners of Accounts of the Judicial Council of Virginia

#### **Professional Activities**

- Virginia State Bar
  - Wills, Trusts and Estates Section
- Fairfax Bar Association
  - Co-Chair, Wills, Trusts and Estates Section 2004-2006
  - President's Award, 2006

#### **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
- Eleven Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as Top Attorneys in Arlington Magazine's 2024 List
- Twenty-Seven Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2025 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- Twenty Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Attorneys Named Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2024
- 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
- Thirteen Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as Top Attorneys by Arlington Magazine
- Twenty-two Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine in the 2024 Edition of Best Lawyers in America
- Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Attorneys Named Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars for 2023

• Ten Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named "Top Lawyers" by Washingtonian Magazine