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Mary Barkley Horn (Barkley) is a dedicated personal injury attorney, representing individuals and families throughout Virginia with tenacity, compassion, and strategic advocacy. Her practice focuses on complex personal injury matters, including catastrophic injuries, wrongful death matters, unsafe premises cases, and child-care related injuries. A significant part of her practice is dedicated to confronting institutional failures that compromise safety and cause preventable harm.

Prior to joining Blankingship & Keith, Barkley served as a law clerk for the Honorable Daniel E. Ortiz on the Court of Appeals of Virginia. She earned her law degree from George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School. Before law school, Barkley received her B.A. in History from George Washington University.

Barkley's advocacy has been recognized across the legal community. She has been named to Virginia Lawyers Weekly's 2025 class of 21 Up & Coming Lawyers, Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in American for Personal Injury Litigation (2026), and Super Lawyers' Virginia Rising Stars (2026). She was also named a Virginia Business Legal Elite Young Lawyer by Virginia Business Magazine in 2024 and 2025. In 2024, Barkley received the William D. Dolan III Trial Attorney Scholarship Award from the Arlington County Bar Foundation, which included specialized training at the National Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia School of Law.

Barkley is active in the bar community, serving as vice president and president-elect of the Fairfax Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors, and as a board member of the Fairfax Law Foundation. She is also an active member of several professional organizations, including the Virginia Trial

Lawyers Association and the National Crime Victim Bar Association. Barkley particularly enjoys mentoring law students and remains actively involved with her alma mater, George Mason. Seeking out a variety of pro bono work through local organizations and within her own neighborhood, Barkley was named to the Virginia Access to Justice Commission Pro Bono Service Honor Roll in 2024 and 2025.

Barkley has spoken at Virginia Trial Lawyers Association events on topics such as presenting beneficiaries' grief and loss in wrongful death claims and preparing for trial. She has also appeared on podcasts such as *RVA Trial Lawyers*, discussing institutional negligence in childcare cases, and *Just Verdicts*, discussing her team's \$4.4 million personal injury verdict in Loudoun County Circuit Court.

Barkley has been recognized in Virginia Lawyers Weekly for several significant verdicts and settlements, including a \$7 million construction-site wrongful death settlement (November 2025), a \$5.4 million motor vehicle wrongful death settlement (July 2025), a \$4.4 million trucking crash verdict (October 2024), and a \$3.25 million premises liability wrongful death settlement (November 2023).

Originally from Kansas City, Missouri, Barkley brings a grounded, Midwestern perspective to her work. She values hard work, responsibility, and a thoughtful approach to each client's situation.

Outside of work, she enjoys exploring unfamiliar, offbeat topics through reading, staying active—whether on the track, trails, or sports fields—and participating in community events such as the Fairfax Law Foundation 5K, National Wreaths Across America Day, Caturday at Nationals Park, and the Virginia Scottish Games.

Practice Areas

- Personal Injury
- Automobile and Trucking Accidents
- Brain Injury
- Justice for Crime Victims, Inadequate Security Litigation
- Product Liability
- Sex Abuse Victims
- Wrongful Death

Education

- George Mason University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2021)
- George Washington University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2018)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia State Bar, 2021
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2023

Professional Honors

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- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®*, Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs (2026)
- *Virginia Business Magazine*, Legal Elite: Young Lawyer (2024 - 2025)

- *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, Up and Coming Lawyers (2025)
- Virginia Access to Justice Commission Pro Bono Service Honor Roll (2024 - 2025)
- William D. Dolan III Trial Attorney Scholarship recipient (2024)

Representative Cases

Personal Injury

- Secured \$5.4 Million Settlement in a Wrongful Death Case Arising from a High-speed Crash
- Secured \$4,400,000 Verdict in Loudoun County for Client Stemming from a Serious Commercial Vehicle Collision
- Obtained a \$3.250M Settlement for the Estate of a 16-year-old Boy Killed in a Construction Trench Collapse
- Obtained a \$2.325 Settlement for a Woman Injured in Broadside Crash
- Obtained a \$2.1 million pedestrian injury settlement
- Obtained a \$550,000 Settlement for a Child Assaulted by a Day Care Teacher
- Obtained \$500,000 Settlement for a Client Injured in Truck Accident
- Secured a \$450,000 Settlement for Client in Highway Collision

News & Insights

- \$2.1 Million Settlement Reached in Northern Virginia Pedestrian Injury Case
- FAQ: When Employers are Liable for Work-Related Accidents
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Share Strategies to Protect Children at Statewide Seminar on Sexual Assault Litigation
- Blankingship & Keith Secures \$5.4 Million Settlement in Wrongful Death Case Following High-Speed Crash
- Blankingship & Keith's M. Barkley Horn Named Among 21 Virginia Lawyers Weekly "Up & Coming Lawyers"
- Thirty Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Editions of Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®
- Blankingship & Keith Secures \$4.4 Million Jury Verdict for Client Injured in Loudoun County Truck Crash
- Don't Let Insurers Undercut Your Family's UIM Protection
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized Among Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite
- Barkley Horn Receives Prestigious Trial Attorney Scholarship from the Arlington County Bar Association and Arlington County Bar Foundation
- \$550,000 Settlement Reached in Child Assault Case at Local Daycare
- Blankingship & Keith's Personal Injury Lawyers Secure Three Major Settlements Totaling \$6.675M, Recognized in Virginia Lawyers Weekly
- Hotel Safety Over the Holidays
- E-Riding (or "Micromobility") Safety
- Peloton Recalls Over 2 Million Exercise Bikes Due to Seat Issue, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Urges Immediate Action
- Ridehail Safety Issues For Riders
- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Offers New Recommendations for Window Coverings Safety
- Protecting Your Child from Abuse at Child Care Centers
- Metro Safety in the DMV – Rider Vigilance

- Can Social Media Companies Evade Accountability?
- Changes in Virginia Law Regarding Improving UM/UIM Coverage