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Barkley's practice focuses primarily on Personal Injury.

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.

Practice Areas

- Personal Injury

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 & Activities

Professional Honors

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

Representative Cases

- Secured a \$450,000 settlement in Loudoun County for a client who sustained cervical disc herniations and wrist injury requiring surgery following a highway collision.
- Secured a \$4.4 million jury verdict for a client injured in a collision caused by a dump truck towing a trailer with missing brake components. The case involved claims against the truck company, its driver, and the inspection company responsible for the faulty brake inspection.
- Secured a \$3,250,000 settlement for the estate of a 16-year-old boy who tragically lost his life in a construction trench collapse, holding the construction company, its manager, and the property owner accountable for negligence and unsafe conditions.
- Achieved a \$2,325,000 settlement for a woman who suffered permanent leg injuries and life-altering consequences in a broadside collision, highlighting the importance of thorough case preparation, including a "day in the life" video and a life care plan.
- Achieved a \$550,000 settlement for a 4-year-old child assaulted by her daycare teacher, resulting in physical injuries and long-term PTSD that required ongoing support, including an IEP/504 plan for trauma-based anxiety.
- Secured a \$500,000 settlement for a client who suffered a fractured tibia and subdural hematoma following a crash caused by a truck's U-turn.

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 \$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

- 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