



## Michael K. Kim

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**Michael Kim is an experienced first-chair trial attorney with significant experience managing all phases of litigation. He focuses his practice on corporate and individual clients in a wide range of complex civil and commercial matters in proceedings in state courts in Northern Virginia and in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.**

Michael regularly litigates complex disputes involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, misappropriation of trade secrets, and other business torts. He has significant experience in litigating disputes involving partnerships and limited liability companies, corporate governance and control, and shareholder derivative actions. Michael has also represented fiduciaries and beneficiaries in will contests and in other varieties of trust and estate litigation.

Michael holds a B.A., cum laude, from Columbia University and a JD, cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law.

### Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation
- Education Law and Litigation
- Legal Malpractice Defense
- Wills, Trusts & Estates

## Education

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- University of Miami School of Law (*cum laude*, 2007)
- Columbia University (*cum laude*, 2004)

## Bar Admissions

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- Virginia State Bar, 2011
- Fourth Circuit, 2016
- Eastern District of Virginia, 2012
- Eastern District of Virginia Bankruptcy Court, 2013

## Professional Honors & Activities

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### Professional Honors

- *Arlington Magazine*, Top Lawyers, Business/Corporate, (2022-2025)
- *Virginia Business Magazine*, Legal Elite, Civil Litigation, (2020)
- *Virginia Business Magazine*, Legal Elite, Business Law (2023-2024)
- *U.S. News - Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Commercial Litigation, Education Law, and Trusts and Estates (2021-2025)
- *Virginia Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, (2013-2017)
- *Virginia Super Lawyers*, Super Lawyer, (2024-2026)
- *Washington DC Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, (2014-2017)
- *Virginia Business Magazine*, Legal Elite, Young Lawyers' Category, (2013)
- *Lawyers of Color Magazine*, Hot List, Mid-Atlantic Region, (2013)

### Professional Activities

#### Virginia State Bar

- Fifth District Disciplinary Committee, Vice-Chair (Section I), 2020; Member 2018-present

#### Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Virginia

- Board of Directors, 2016-present
- Chair, Judicial Screening Committee, 2016-present

## Representative Cases

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### Business and Corporate Law

- Defended Retired Chairman in Stock Redemption and Change of Control Dispute

- Defended LLC Manager in Arbitration Over Alleged Breach of Operating Agreements and Bad Faith

## Civil Litigation

- Obtained Preliminary Injunction Protecting Trade Secrets for Government Contracting IT Company

## News & Insights

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- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Ten Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized Among Arlington Magazine's 2025 Top Attorneys
- 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's Personal Injury Lawyers Secure Three Major Settlements Totaling \$6.675M, Recognized in Virginia Lawyers Weekly
- Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Shine as "Legal Elite" in Virginia Business Magazine's 2023 Rankings
- 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
- Blankingship & Keith Principal Michael K. Kim Named "Go To Lawyer" for Business Litigation by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.