



Michael W. Robinson

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Michael W. Robinson joined Blankingship & Keith as a partner, bringing decades of experience handling complex business, real estate, and business tort litigation involving trade secrets disputes, breach of fiduciary duty claims, and other intra-corporate disputes, as well as the defense of legal malpractice claims. A Past-President of the Virginia State Bar, Michael represents businesses, individuals, law firms, and professionals in high-stakes disputes throughout Northern Virginia in state courts and federal courts, particularly the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Michael has extensive trial and appellate experience and has successfully argued numerous appeals before the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Virginia Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. His practice also includes counseling attorneys and law firms on legal ethics and the law of lawyering, and representing LLC members in disputes involving ownership, governance, fiduciary duties, and dissolution.

Practice Areas

- Appellate and Trial Consulting Practice
- Civil Litigation
- Legal Malpractice Defense
- Business and Corporate Law

Education

- George Mason University School of Law (JD, *with honors*, 1986)
 - Lead Article Editor, George Mason Law Review

- Am. Jur. Awards: Contracts, Constitutional Law, Conflicts of Law
- George Mason University (B.A., 1982)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Virginia Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Professional Honors & Activities

Professional Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America* (2018 – 2025)
- *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, Leaders in the Law
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial (Band 2), Virginia (2019 – 2022); Litigation: General Commercial (Band 3), Virginia (2012 – 2018, 2023 – 2025)
- ALM, *Top Rated Lawyer*, Appellate Law and Intellectual Property (2013)
- *Super Lawyers*
- Business Litigation, Tysons Corner (2013), Virginia, (2006 – 2007, 2012 – 2023), Washington, DC, (2007, 2013, 2015)
- Martindale-Hubbell, *AV® Preeminent Rated*

Professional Activities

Michael has held numerous leadership roles within the Virginia legal community, including:

- President, Virginia State Bar
- Chair, Virginia State Bar Standing Committee on Legal Ethics
- Member, Virginia State Bar Council and Executive Committee
- Fellow, Virginia Law Foundation
- Former chair, Virginia State Bar Special Committee on Bench-Bar Relations
- Former faculty member, VSB Professionalism Course

- Former chair, Fairfax Bar Association Circuit Court Committee
- Former board member, Virginia Law Foundation

Presentations

Michael regularly presents CLE programs focusing on legal ethics for Virginia CLE, state and local bar associations, and corporate counsel.

News & Insights

- Blankingship & Keith Welcomes Veteran Trial and Appellate Lawyer Michael W. Robinson as Principal