



## Peter S. Everett

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**Peter Everett is a trial lawyer who devotes his practice to representing persons injured by the reckless or careless acts of others. His practice includes four broad areas. First, Mr. Everett represents clients seriously injured as a result of motor vehicle collisions, with special emphasis on tractor-trailer collisions. He is a member of and has served on the Executive Committee of AAJ's Interstate Trucking Litigation Group. He has represented victims of commercial motor vehicle collisions arising from collisions in California, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and Maryland, as well as in state and federal court in Virginia.**

Second, Peter represents individuals who have suffered traumatic brain injuries ("TBI") resulting from tractor-trailer crashes, defective products, motor vehicle collisions, bicycle accidents and other circumstances. Mr. Everett is a member of the Brain Injury Association of Virginia and co-authored Counsel's Role in Recognizing the Symptoms of Traumatic Brain Injury and Assisting Medical Professionals in its Evaluation, VTLA Journal. In 2005 he lectured at a national conference on brain injury to health care and other professionals, and at September 2008 and 2015 retreats of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, he spoke on the use of learned treatises in TBI cases, and on trial tactics in TBI cases.

Third, he represents victims of violent crimes in child care center and inadequate security cases against child care facilities, shopping malls, hotels, apartment buildings and other commercial buildings. He has testified before Congress on legislation designed to regulate the security guard industry and has addressed victim's rights issues on CNN's *Law & Crime*, ABC's *20/20* and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. He has published several

works in this area, including articles entitled "Establishing the Standard of Care in Inadequate Security Cases," published in the Journal of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, "Establishing a Duty, Reaching the Promised Land," "Direct Examination of Security Experts" and "Violence Comes to the Mall," published in Trial magazine. Mr. Everett served for ten years as a member of the Executive Committee of the Inadequate Security Litigation Group of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) and co-chaired that national litigation group for four years. He has assisted in the representation of clients in inadequate security matters in Arizona, California, Florida, New York, the District of Columbia, Maryland and West Virginia, as well as in federal and state courts in Virginia.

Finally, Peter litigates on behalf of persons injured by defective conditions in buildings or real estate such as defective roadways, balcony railings and recreational trails, with a special emphasis on representing injured children.

## Practice Areas

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

## Education

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- University of Virginia (B.A., 1975)
- University of Virginia (J.D., 1979)

## Professional Honors & Activities

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- Named "Lifetime Lawyer" by the *Washingtonian* magazine
- *Washingtonian* magazine, Washington, DC's Best Lawyers (2020-2022)
- *U.S. News Best Lawyers*, Personal Injury Litigation, Plaintiff (1999-2024) and Lawyer of the Year, Personal Injury Litigation, Plaintiff (2018)
- *Super Lawyers*, Personal Injury General: Plaintiff, Washington, DC & Virginia (2019-2023)
- *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, Personal Injury (2020)
- *Northern Virginia Magazine*, Top Lawyer, Personal Injury, Plaintiff (2022)
- *Arlington Magazine*, Top Attorneys, Personal Injury (2019)
- AV rated

## Community Service

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- Member, Board of Directors, FACETS (2010-present)

## News & Insights

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- 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

- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Offers New Recommendations for Window Coverings Safety
- Protecting Your Child from Abuse at Child Care Centers
- Blankingship & Keith Teams with Seven Law Firms to Secure \$14 Million Settlement for Child Care Center Victims of Sexual Assault
- Can Social Media Companies Evade Accountability?
- Changes in Virginia Law Regarding Improving UM/UIM Coverage
- Five Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named “Top Lawyers” by Northern Virginia Magazine
- Ten Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named “Top Lawyers” by Washingtonian Magazine
- Washingtonian Honors Three Blankingship & Keith Attorneys with Lifetime Achievement Awards