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Rob's practice focuses on major automobile, commercial truck and bus crashes, products liability, wrongful death and traumatic brain injury cases – these are complicated and important cases. “Our clients are good people who have had devastating things happen to them and their loved ones.” Rob and his team keep a small docket of cases so they can devote their full attention to those they represent. “We treat each client like they are a part of our family. We understand that their families have been shattered by the carelessness of others and they rely on us to help them rebuild their lives.”

Rob's litigation philosophy is simple - he takes a few cases and devotes his full attention to those he represents. His clients are often very badly hurt and the defendants are typically corporations or individuals who have refused to take responsibility for their actions.

Rob also has a strong and long standing commitment to our community, both locally and statewide. He has initiated a program to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. He has dedicated thousands of hours to pro bono and legal aid programs to ensure that everyone, no matter how poor or disenfranchised, has equal access to justice. Through "Trial Lawyers Still Care" he encourages all Virginia trial lawyers to take at least one deserving case each year and donate the amount that would have been their fee to legal aid for the poor.

Rob practices in courts throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and has litigated cases throughout the United States, and as far away as Germany, Australia and China.

Practice Areas

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

Education

- William & Mary School of Law (1987) Order of the Coif; Board of Editors, William & Mary Law Review
- University of Virginia (1982)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia State Bar, 1987
- Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1987
- Eastern District of Virginia, 1987

Professional Honors & Activities

Professional Honors

- Named *Best Lawyers in America* Lawyer of the Year 2013, 2017 and 2021 in Products Liability Litigation- Plaintiffs
- Named *Best Lawyers in America* Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs; Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs (since 2003)
- *Virginia Super Lawyers* - Top 100 (2025)
- Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell (1998-present)
- Award for Extraordinary Public Service to the Supreme Court of Virginia (2009)
- *Washingtonian Magazine* "Top Lawyer" - Personal Injury (2022-2024)
- *Arlington Magazine*, Top Attorney - Legal Aid/Pro Bono (2024)
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* - Personal Injury Law (2003-present)
- James Keith Public Service Award - Fairfax Bar Association (1997)
- *Virginia Business Magazine* Legal Elite - Pro Bono / Legal Services (2004-2024)
- *Northern Virginia Magazine*, Top Lawyer - Personal Injury (2023-2025)
- *Legal Times* Best Lawyers - Personal Injury (2006-present)
- *Super Lawyers* - Washington, D.C.(2006-present)
- Top Commercial Litigation Lawyers, *Litigation Magazine* (2006)

Professional Activities

- Member - Board of Governors, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (2010-2012)
- Chair, Products Liability Section, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (2010-2012)
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2004-present)
- Member - Virginia Board of Bar Examiners (2020-present)
- Member – Character and Fitness Committee, Virginia Board of Bar Examiners (2018-2020)
- Co-Chair VBA Pro Bono Council (2016 to 2019)
- Member - VSB/VBA Task Force on Pro Bono (2010)
- Member VSB Task Force on Corporate Counsel Pro Bono Admission (2010)
- President Legal Services of Northern Virginia (2003-2004)
- Member, Board of Directors: Legal Services of Northern Virginia (1998 - 2008)
- Member, Board of Directors: Legal Service of Virginia (2002-2006)
- Member, Board of Directors: Fairfax Law Foundation (2004-2006)
- Chair, Virginia State Bar Special Committee on Access to Legal Services (2002-2007)
- Chair, VSB Subcommittee on Local Pro Bono Initiatives (2002-2006)
- Chair, VSB Special Subcommittee on Unbundling Legal Services (2003-2006)
- Chair, Fairfax Bar Association Pro Bono Advisory Board (1992-1996; 1998-2003)

Articles/Announcements

- A Product Safety Lawyer's Apology
- Ten Simple Steps to Protect Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Dr. Strangelaw
- Maximizing Damages by Maximizing Liability
- Taking the "Big Firm" Approach to Personal Injury
- Virginia Consumer Protection Act - § 59.1-197 – 207 as a Tool in Products Liability Litigation

Representative Cases

Personal Injury

- \$6,000,000 Settlement Secured in Highway Construction Injury Case
- Secured \$4,400,000 Verdict in Loudoun County for Client Stemming from a Serious Commercial Vehicle Collision
- Secured \$5,075,000 Settlement Father Paralyzed in Prince William County Crash
- Obtained a \$3.250M Settlement for the Estate of a 16-year-old Boy Killed in a Construction Trench Collapse
- Obtained a \$3 Million Settlement in a Fairfax County Wrongful Death/Survival Action
- Achieved \$3 Million Settlement for Client in Automobile Collision
- \$2.975 Million Settlement — Catastrophic Passenger Injury & Insurance Coverage Dispute
- Obtained \$2.85M Settlement for Pressure Cooker Explosion Injuries

- Obtained \$2.35 Million Dollar Settlement in Product Liability and Premises Liability Case
- Obtained a \$1.475 Million Personal Injury Settlement for Violation of Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code-Related Personal Injury
- Secured a \$450,000 Settlement for Client in Highway Collision

Automobile and Trucking Accidents

- Obtained a \$3 Million Settlement in a Fairfax County Wrongful Death/Survival Action

News & Insights

- \$3 Million Settlement Reached in Fairfax County Wrongful Death / Survivor Action Case
- Blankingship & Keith Secures \$2.975 Million Settlement for Out-of-State Passenger Seriously Injured in High-Speed Collision
- Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Announces 2025 Northern Virginia Magazine Top Attorneys
- Blankingship & Keith Partner Robert J. Stoney Quoted on BMW VCPA Class Action Ruling
- Thirty Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Editions of Best Lawyers in America® and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®
- Blankingship & Keith, P.C. Obtains \$2.35 Million Settlement for Property Manager Injured by Defective Light Fixture
- FAQ: Injuries from Falling Objects and Defective Fixtures in Buildings
- Blankingship & Keith Secures \$6,000,000 Settlement for Woman Injured in Highway Construction Accident
- 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
- Urgent Call for Auto Safety Reforms: Addressing Seatback Failures
- 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 Secures \$2.85M Settlement in Pressure Cooker Explosion Case
- 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
- Ten Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Recognized as "Top Lawyers" by Northern Virginia 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
- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Offers New Recommendations for Window Coverings Safety
- Protecting Your Child from Abuse at Child Care Centers
- Can Social Media Companies Evade Accountability?
- Changes in Virginia Law Regarding Improving UM/UIM Coverage
- Blankingship & Keith Principals Chidi James and Rob Stoney Inducted as Fellows of the Virginia Law Foundation
- 20 Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named "Legal Elite" by Virginia Business Magazine
- Ten Blankingship & Keith Attorneys Named "Top Lawyers" by Washingtonian Magazine

Juli Potts and Rob Stoney Achieve \$3 Million Settlement for Client