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BIOGRAPHY

Giff practices in the areas of municipal law, eminent domain, erroneous assessment, zoning, land use and real estate litigation. As an Assistant County Attorney for Prince William County, Giff provided advice to the Prince William County Planning Commission and Board of County Supervisors on a wide range of land use issues. He also assisted in a wide variety of other local government matters including the defense of the Prince William County Police Department and police officers in response to claims of excessive force. He represented Prince William County in litigation before state and federal courts. His reported cases include the important regulatory takings case of *Omni Homes v. Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County*, 253 Va. 59 (1997) and the eminent domain case of *Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County v. United States*, 276 F.3d 1359 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Giff commenced private practice with Blankingship & Keith in September, 2002. At Blankingship & Keith, Giff has continued his land use, zoning, real estate litigation and eminent domain practice, including continued appellate practice before the Supreme Court of Virginia. He is real estate counsel to the Prince William County School Board and he regularly represents various local governments and a utility company in real estate, land use and zoning matters. He also regularly represents private landowners in such matters. He was lead counsel in the important land use/zoning proffer case of *Town of Leesburg v. Long Lane Associates*, 727 S.E. 2d 27 (2012) and the BZA variance case of *Martin v. City of Alexandria, et al.*, 743 S.E. 2d 139 (2013). Both cases addressed issues of first impression in land use and zoning law.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Martin and Drewry v. City of Alexandria et. al., 286 Va. 61, 743 S.E. 2d 139 (2013) (zoning variance case).

Town of Leesburg v. Long Lane Associates, 726 Va. 61, 727 S.E. 2d 27 (2012) (zoning contest case).

Dean v. Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, 281 Va. 536, 708 S.E.2d 830 (2011) (eminent domain case).

Mary Renkey et al v. County Board of Arlington County et al., 272 Va. 369, 634 S.E. 2d 352 (2006) (zoning contest case).

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Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County v. United States, 276 F.3d 1359 (Fed. Cir. 2002) (eminent domain case). See also previous

PRACTICE AREAS

Civil Litigation

Commercial Real Estate & Commercial Leasing

Education Law and Litigation

The Virginia Eminent Domain Group at Blankingship & Keith

Land Use and Development

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia State Bar (1988)

District of Columbia Bar (1988)

Supreme Court of the United States (1995)

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Federal Circuit Court of Appeals (1993)

Eastern District of Virginia (1988)

Court of Federal Claims (1995)

EDUCATION

George Mason University School of Law, 1988

Hampden-Sydney College, 1982

history of case referred to therein.

Cox v. Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, 249 F.3d 295 (4th Cir.), cert. denied, 122 S. Ct. 544 (2001) (police excessive force case).

Turner and Wall v. Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County, 263 Va. 283, 559 S.E.2d 683 (2002) (zoning contest case).

Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County v. Omni Homes, Inc., 253 Va. 59, 481 S.E.2d 460, cert. denied, 522 U.S. 813 (1997) (regulatory taking case).

PROFESSIONAL HONORS & ACTIVITIES

President, GMU American Inn of Court (2011-12)
Virginia State Bar Council Representative, Prince William County & Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park
Executive Committee, Prince William County Bar Association
Chair, Conference of Local Bar Associations (2009-2010)
Springfield Magisterial District Representative to the Fairfax County Agricultural and Forestal District Committee
Virginia State Bar Fifth District Disciplinary Committee, Section II (2005-2011)
Executive Committee, Virginia State Bar Council (2009-2010)
President, Prince William County Bar Association (2000-2002)
Virginia State Bar Clients' Protection Fund Board (1998-2004)
Assistant County Attorney, Prince William County (1989-2002)
Board of Editors, George Mason University Law Review
Rated BV by Martindale-Hubbell
Virginia State Bar Professionalism Course Faculty Member (2010-2014)