



Darius K. Davenport

Darius Davenport is a partner and Chairman of the Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Practice Group of Crenshaw, Ware & Martin. His practice focuses on data privacy laws and regulations, helping clients mitigate cyber risk, and dealing with the legal and practical problems resulting from cyber incidents. His cybersecurity counsel to businesses and municipalities includes drafting and review of incident response plans, cybersecurity employee policies, technology contracts and conducting cybersecurity and breach response exercises. He is frequently invited to speak on cybersecurity and data privacy issues.

Mr. Davenport's practice also includes complex litigation in state and federal courts with an emphasis on public sector law, employment law and insurance defense. He represents housing authorities, businesses and municipalities across the region. Mr. Davenport has extensive experience developing, drafting and interpreting government regulations and policies. As a former U.S. Army JAG attorney, he has provided legal advice and counsel to senior government officials on a wide variety of legal issues.

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Practice Areas

Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
Practice Group Chair

Admiralty & Maritime Law

Employment Law

Government Contracting

Litigation

Public Sector

Railroad and Transit

Business & Industries

Redevelopment & Housing
Authorities

Railroads

Cargo & Shipping Interests

U.S. and International Insurers

Small Business & Nonprofits

Government & Education Policy

Honors & Awards

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review
Rating by LexisNexis Martindale-
Hubbell

Listed in Virginia *Super Lawyers*
"Rising Stars", Civil Litigation:
Defense, 2015-2017

Walter E. Hoffman Community
Service Award, Norfolk and
Portsmouth Bar Association, 2013

Education

University of Wisconsin Law School,
J.D., 2002

Norfolk State University, B.A., 1999

Bar Admissions

Virginia

Wisconsin

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of
Virginia

U.S. District Court, Western District of
Virginia

U.S. Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals, 4th
Circuit

Memberships

Virginia Bar Association

Local Government Attorneys of Virginia

Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association
(Strategic Planning Committee, 2011)

James Kent American Inn of Court
(Administrator, 2006-2015)

Old Dominion Bar Association (Executive
Board)

South Hampton Roads Bar Association (Past
President)

Virginia Continuing Legal Education Committee
(2005-2015)

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (2014-2016)

Virginia Beach Bar Association (2007-2015)

National Association of Law Placement (2006-
2015)

Richmond Area Recruiters Association (2006-
2015)

Community Involvement

Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and
the Eastern Shore (Board member)

Virginia State Bar, Mandatory Continuing
Legal Education Board (Board member);
Study Committee on Future of Law
(Technology and the Practice of Law Sub-
committee)

City of Suffolk, Wetlands Board
(Member; Vice-Chairman, 2016-present)

Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce,
Norfolk Division (Board of Directors; Co-
chair Governmental Affairs Committee)

Community Action Coalition of Virginia
Board

Representative Experience

- Assist clients by developing incident response plans, legal policies and training programs to manage cybersecurity risks and mitigate liability.
- Provide counsel to clients regarding cybersecurity and data privacy issues and litigation.
- Represents local housing authorities in landlord tenant law, tort liability, and a host of other civil matters.
- Represents railroads in various litigation matters.
- Represents marine insurers and insureds across the full range of marine insurance disputes.
- Represents clients across a range of business disputes.
- Limitation of Liability actions on behalf of vessel owners.
- Federal and state court litigation in Virginia.
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Regent University School of Law & Handong International Law School.
- Law Career Professional Development.
- Captain, United States Army, Judge Advocate General Corps (2002-2006).
- Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Representative Cases

- Darius has litigated a host of cases in Federal and State Courts

Articles and Presentations

- Co-presenter, Gone Phishing: Cybersecurity for Local Governments, Local Government Attorney Association 2019 Spring Conference (April 4, 2019)
- Co-presenter, Cyber-Ethics: How Not To Let Your Computer Get You Disbarred, Twenty-First Annual Bench/Bar Conference, Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association (April 1, 2019)
- Future of Law Practice 2019 Report of The Virginia State Bar's Special Committee on the Future of Law Practice, Darius K. Davenport, contributing author, Chapter 2.8.
- Presenter, "Cybersecurity for Public Housing Agencies," Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials 2018 Legal and Policy Seminar (November 2018)
- "Hackers and Why They Hack – and Why You Need to Know", For the Defense, Defense Research Institute (October 2018)
- Panelist, "Public Housing Executive Legal Case Study Panel Discussion," HADA Seminar, Colorado Springs Marriott (September 26, 2018)
- Presenter, "Cybersecurity Liability in the Public Sector," HADA Seminar, Colorado Springs Marriott (September 25, 2018)

Articles and Presentations, *continued*

- Panelist, "Cyberattacks: No Business is Immune", Cox Business Executive Discussion Series (September 2018)
- Expert Column, "Make sure your cybersecurity team includes a breach lawyer", Inside Business Journal (August 3, 2018)
- Co-presenter, "Anatomy of a Cyber Breach and Response for Maritime Lawyers and Their Clients", Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute's (SEALI) Annual Seminar (June 2018)
- Presenter, "Cybersecurity and Data Privacy in Today's Legal Practice", Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, 2018 Annual Convention (March 2018)
- Presenter, Recent Developments in Community Security, Housing Authority Insurance Group Fall Collaborative (2017)
- "[Cyber Incident Reporting and the Department of Defense](#)", Data and Security Dispatch, Defense Research Institute (DRI), Volume 3 Issue 2 (November 21, 2017)
- Co-presenter, "Cybersecurity and Business Resiliency", CWM/mode5 Presentation (2017)
- Presenter, "Cybersecurity and Data Privacy for Law Firms", Old Dominion Bar Association Annual Meeting (2017)
- Co-presenter, "Planning is Not a Luxury: Motivating Early Career Planning Through the Coach Approach", National Association for Law Placement (2014)
- Co-presenter, "Increasing the Effectiveness, Clarity, Productivity, and Value of Your Organization through Strategic Planning", presented at National Association of Law Placement Conference
- Presenter, "Office Management Boot Camp", presented at National Association of Law Placement Conference