



David C. Hartnett

David C. Hartnett is a partner and Chair of the firm’s Subrogation and Intellectual Property Practice Groups. His practice focuses on complex litigation, including prosecuting and defending claims on behalf of businesses in a broad range of industries, including construction, transportation, and insurance. A significant part of his practice is devoted to enforcing judgments and recovering assets for successful plaintiffs in Virginia circuit courts and federal courts.

He also serves as co-counsel and local counsel for intellectual property cases in Virginia, and is a member of the Intellectual Property & Information Technology Law Section of the Virginia Bar Association. David began his career by clerking with the Honorable W. Allan Sharrett and the Honorable Sam Campbell of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Virginia.

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Practice Areas

- Subrogation
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- Intellectual Property
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- Business Disputes
- Construction Law
- Government Contracting
- Litigation
- Railroad & Transit Law

Business & Industries

- Financial Institutions, Banks, Lenders
- Developers, Project Owners
- Heavy Construction Companies
- Equipment and Material Suppliers
- Marine Construction Companies
- Railroads, Shipping Companies

Honors & Awards

Listed in Virginia Super Lawyers "Rising Stars", Business Litigation, 2015 -2019

Education

University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2010
Old Dominion University, M.A., 2007
University of Virginia, B.A., 2004

Bar Admissions

Virginia State Bar
Virginia Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Memberships

Virginia Bar Association (Governing Council, Construction and Public Contracts Law Section)
Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association
Federal Bar Association
Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute

Community Involvement

Hampton Roads Sports Commission (Board of Directors)
Norfolk Sports Club
The Propeller Club of Norfolk

Representative Experience

- Represents clients in a range of business disputes, including contract negotiation and litigation, collections, claims preparation and resolution, mechanic's liens, tort liability, and other matters.
- Represents municipal entities in housing, eminent domain, and redevelopment matters.
- Represents railroad interests in various transportation matters and property disputes.
- Represents maritime clients in Jones Act claims, limitation actions, and cargo cases.

Articles and Presentations

- W. Snow, D Hartnett, "Traps for the Unwary: Limit Contract Risk and Protecting Your Right to Payment", HRUHCA (September 2019)