



David C. Hartnett

David C. Hartnett is a partner and Chairman of the Subrogation and Intellectual Property Practice Groups of Crenshaw, Ware & Martin. His practice focuses on complex litigation, including prosecuting and defending claims on behalf of businesses in a broad range of industries and areas including construction, employment, 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

- Named *Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch* (2021)
- 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

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

Memberships

- Federal Bar Association
- Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association
- Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute
- Virginia Bar Association, Governing Council, Construction and Public Contracts Law Section and Intellectual Property & Information Technology Law Section

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)