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PRACTICE FOCUS
CRIMINAL DEFENSE
LITIGATION

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

EDUCATION

- **J.D.**
University of Richmond, School of Law, 1984
- **B.A.**
University of Virginia, 1981

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Commercial Litigation
- Real Estate/Land Use Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Criminal Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Construction Disputes
- Personal Injury / Wrongful Death Litigation

As a trial lawyer for almost 30 years, Bruce Blanchard understands the pressure, expense, frustration, and uncertainty that litigation imposes upon a client. In order to achieve a desired outcome in court, Bruce works with his clients to define their priorities and develop a strategy that achieves the clients' objectives. He brings common sense, an affinity for people, and a commitment to ethics in both his civil and criminal practice. Bruce believes hard work, preparation, and identification of important issues and themes are necessary to develop a winning strategy for trial.

Bruce has spent the majority of his career trying complex civil and criminal cases and serves both corporate and individual clients with matters in Virginia state and federal courts. His clients include municipal governments, international trade corporations, national and local business enterprises, professional partnerships and joint ventures, and individuals.

In his civil litigation practice, Bruce has tried commercial, contract, and construction disputes; land use and zoning actions; copyright and trademark infringement cases; and labor and employment claims. He has also represented both plaintiffs and defendants in product liability litigation, as well as bodily injury and wrongful death cases. As a former prosecutor, and over 25 years as a criminal defense attorney, Bruce is familiar with all aspects of criminal investigations and prosecution. In his criminal litigation practice, Bruce routinely defends individuals and corporations on state and federal offenses, including complex white collar crimes. This experience allows him to work with businesses on internal and external investigations involving allegations of embezzlement or corporate wrongdoing.

AWARDS

- AV Preeminent® Peer Rated by *Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™*
- 2013 - 2022, *The Best Lawyers In America®* - Commercial Litigation
- 2007 - 2015, 2018-2019, 2021, *Virginia Super Lawyers* - Criminal Defense
- 2008 - 2015, 2018, *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers* - Criminal Defense
- 2005, 2006, 2008 - 2010, 2012 - 2014, 2017, *Virginia Business* magazine "Legal Elite" - Criminal Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Commissioner in Chancery, Fairfax County Circuit Court
Fairfax Law Foundation

- Member, Board of Directors, 2010 – present

Fairfax Bar Association

- Board of Directors, 1999-2002
- Judicial Screening Committee, 1996-2000
- Professionalism Committee, 1997-1999

Virginia Bar Association, Criminal Law Section
American Association for Justice
Prince William County Bar Association