

MICHAEL C. RICHARDS

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CONCENTRATION

Michael is a shareholder of the Davis Brown Law Firm. He joined the Litigation Division as a lateral in May 2011. During the last ten years, his litigation practice has focused on all stages of complex civil litigation, with an emphasis on defense litigation. He currently serves as chair of the firm's Product Liability Department.

Michael has represented individuals, including doctors and lawyers, as well as corporations, companies and insurance carriers in claims involving allegations of medical malpractice, legal malpractice, professional malpractice, directors and officers liability, defamation, and wrongful termination.

His practice also includes municipality litigation, premises liability, construction litigation, toxic tort litigation for petroleum and sludge spills, products liability, tractor trailer and motor vehicle accident litigation, employee benefits litigation, casualty insurance defense, general insurance defense litigation, and general civil litigation. Michael is also routinely engaged to provide coverage opinions for insurance carriers and insureds.

In addition to many bench trials, Michael has first-chaired more than 15 jury trials to verdict in state and federal courts. He has also negotiated and mediated numerous other cases, many of which involved multimillion dollar claims.

Michael is licensed to practice law in Iowa, Virginia and the District of Columbia, and is admitted to all of the state courts in those jurisdictions. He is also admitted to all of the federal courts in Iowa, Virginia, and the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- BV® Distinguished™ rated by Martindale-Hubbell.
- Recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a "Virginia Rising Star" in Civil Litigation for the years 2010 and 2011.

ACADEMICS

Michael graduated with High Honors from Drake University Law School in 2001. He attained a Bachelors of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Iowa in 1998.

OF NOTE

Prior to accepting a position with the Davis Brown Law Firm, Michael lived in Virginia and was a partner at a Roanoke, Virginia law firm.

PERSONAL

Michael and his wife Leighton (also a Drake University School of Law graduate) have three children, Maggie, Fletcher and Sam.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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BORN

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, 1976

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (B.B.A.
1998) DRAKE UNIVERSITY
LAW SCHOOL (J.D. WITH HIGH
HONORS 2001)

ADMITTED TO BAR

2001, IOWA (REACTIVATED IN
2011)

2002, VIRGINIA

2002, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AREAS OF LAW

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
AND LITIGATION LAW

INSURANCE DEFENSE

LITIGATION AND APPEALS

PERSONAL INJURY

PRODUCT LIABILITY AND
TOXIC TORTS

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
DEFENSE

MEMBERSHIPS

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR
ASSOCIATION

IOWA DEFENSE COUNSEL
ASSOCIATION

IOWA STATE BAR
ASSOCIATION

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
DEFENSE FEDERATION

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF
DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

VIRGINIA STATE BAR
ASSOCIATION