



General Litigation

Vandeventer Black's General Litigation team represents clients in a broad range of litigation and arbitration matters. Our multidisciplinary approach provides our clients with attorneys experienced in a broad range of industry specific activities aimed at bringing the highest level of legal talent to the table. We are recognized regionally in the areas of construction, public contracts, maritime, real estate, land use, condemnation, utilities, environmental, municipal and utilities litigation and dispute resolution.

Our Commercial Litigation attorneys focus on disputes specifically related to the course of doing everyday business, including commercial transactions, creditors' rights, real estate matters, labor and employment, workers' compensation defense and tax and estate issues.

In the area of tort litigation and insurance defense, our litigators are experienced in toxic torts, personal injury, products liability, wrongful death, subrogation claims and property loss.

With a 120 year history, Vandeventer Black's maritime litigation team is nationally known for representing clients in collisions and allisions, vessel foreclosure, charter party disputes, vessel arrests & seizures, enforcement and defense of maritime liens, oil spills and pollution, title disputes, Jones Act, Coast Guard Proceedings and cargo matters.

The construction and public contracts team represents clients in mediation and arbitration in an effort to resolve disputes in a cost-efficient manner that promotes the opportunity for future business interactions. However, this team also has an effective litigation practice that focuses on contracts, payments, settlements, claims, terminations and other industry specific disputes.

Other areas of litigation include professional liability defense for engineers, architects, physicians, accountants and lawyers, medical malpractice defense, as well as condemnation and land use for municipalities, utility companies and community associations issues.

Our attorneys are licensed in Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, District of Columbia, New York, and Maryland, with extensive experience in state and federal courts on the East and Gulf Coasts of the U.S. Our federal court litigation experience includes multi-state litigation. We are involved in appellate practice in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Circuits and the U.S. Supreme Court. We appear before all administrative forums, including the Boards of Contract Appeals, General Accounting Office, Office of Workers' Compensation, Office of Administrative Law Judges, National Labor Relations Board, EEOC, Department of Labor, and other state and federal agencies.

We focus on resolving cases early through motion practice, mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution. We regularly counsel clients on early settlements for meritorious cases as well as questionable claims that call for trial defense. We understand the importance of preserving our clients' image and work hand-in-hand with clients to address the issues surrounding their unique situation and to achieve their goals.

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