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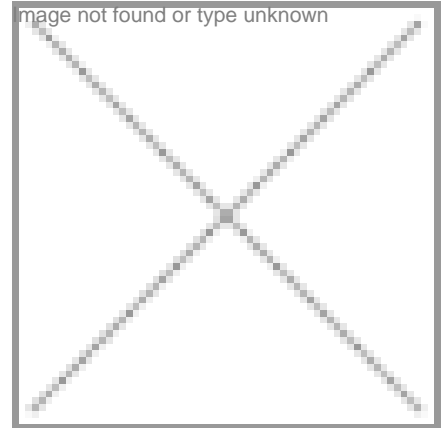
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Ben Pace focuses his practice on business litigation, long term care litigation and fiduciary litigation. Ben has handled all aspects of civil litigation in Virginia's state and federal courts including all aspects of discovery, development of expert testimony, mediation, motions practice, trial practice (both bench and jury) and appellate practice. He has also litigated cases via arbitration proceedings.

As a member of the Long Term Care Practice Team, he has developed strong experience in the area of nursing home and assisted living facility litigation, including federal False Claims Act matters and appeals of certificate of public need decisions. As part of his health care litigation practice, Ben frequently represents long term care facilities, dentists and physicians in matters before their respective regulatory boards.

Ben is listed as a top business litigator in the state by *Virginia Super Lawyers* (2013-present), which also has included him in its Top 50: Richmond (2019) and Top 100: Virginia lists. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Litigation - Trusts & Estates (2016-present), for which he was named the *Best Lawyers*® Richmond "Lawyer of the Year" (2020, 2022). He has also been named among Virginia's "Legal Elite" by *Virginia Business* (2008, 2010-2011, 2016-present). He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Richmond and Virginia bar associations and the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys.

Ben is the immediate past chair of the First Tee of Greater Richmond's Board of Directors, and currently serves as chair of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation Board of Directors and the Richmond Bar Association Board of Directors. He volunteers his time and services to the Pro Bono Housing Project at the Legal Aid Justice Center and the No Fault Divorce Program at the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society. In recognition of his pro bono work, Ben received the Richmond Bar Association's John C.

Kenny Pro Bono Award in 2017. He is a past chair of the Richmond Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee and CLE Committee. He previously served as chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee.

Ben received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia. He received his Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Richmond School of Law. While in law school, he was a member of the Order of the Barrister, the Moot Court Board and served as the notes and comments editor of the *University of Richmond Law Review*.

Practice Areas

- Long-Term Care Facilities Litigation
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- Post-Acute and Long-Term Care
- Physicians & Physician Groups

Experience

- Represented landowners in class action suit involving claims against a Virginia utility company alleging the utility company exceeded the scope of its electric easement by operating a commercial telephone company on its transmission towers without informing or paying the landowners.
- Represented bank client in appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia seeking reversal of substantial judgment for fiduciaries.

Education

- University of Richmond School of Law (J.D.), 2002
Moot Court Board; National Moot Court Team; Order of the Barrister
- University of Virginia (B.A.), 1994

Professional Affiliations

- Richmond Bar Association ? Membership Committee, Former Member of the Board of Directors, Former Chair of the Pro Bono Committee
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
- Virginia Bar Association
- Greater Richmond Bar Foundation ? Board of Directors

Awards

- *Best Lawyers*[®] ? Richmond "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Trusts and Estates (2020, 2022)
- *Virginia Super Lawyers* ? Business Litigation (2013-present); Top 50: Richmond (2019); Top 100: Virginia (2019-2020)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] ? Litigation ? Trusts & Estates (2016-present)
- Richmond Bar Association?s John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award (2017)
- *Virginia Business* ? "Legal Elite" (2008, 2010-2011, 2016-2020)
- Virginia Bar Association Pro Bono & Community Servant (2005-2006)
- Pro Bono Service Honor Roll ? Member (2021)