

R. Braxton Hill, IV



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Lawyers' Professional Liability
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Braxton Hill has over twenty years' experience trying cases to juries and judges in state and federal courts throughout Virginia. He has handled appeals before the Virginia Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of Virginia and US Courts of Appeals for the Fourth and Federal Circuits.

Braxton's practice reflects a wide array of complex litigation matters for clients ranging from individual entrepreneurs to Fortune 300 companies. His cases have involved contract disputes, LLC dissolutions, business torts, trade secret theft, trademark enforcement and patent infringement. He has served as local co-counsel for out-of-state attorneys in various commercial litigation matters, including international investment fraud cases and patent infringement disputes over household products, microelectronics, medical devices, and software development. Braxton's high-stakes litigation experience includes multi-million dollar contract disputes in the energy and railroad industries and defense of high-exposure lawyers' professional liability claims. He has also worked on class action matters involving mineral and gas lease royalties and consumer lending law.

An important aspect of Braxton's work is representation of clients charged with criminal offenses by the federal government. He has been appointed to the Criminal Justice Act Felony Panel by the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and has assisted clients with responding to subpoenas issued by the US Department of Justice.

Braxton is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Richmond School of Law. After graduation, Braxton served as a law clerk to the judges of the City of Virginia Beach Circuit Court, learning first-hand how to craft and present legal arguments that judges and juries find persuasive. Following his judicial clerkship, Braxton began his law practice in Richmond, Virginia with Christian & Barton, LLP, where he tried cases for twenty-four years and served in various leadership roles, including on that firm's Executive Committee and as its claims counsel and loss prevention partner.

Braxton has been active in the organized bar, and is currently the President-Elect of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. He has served, among other things, as

- Chair of the Virginia Bar Association's Intellectual Property Section
- Chair of the Virginia Bar Association's Law Practice Management Division and member of that Association's Board of Governors
- an instructor in the Virginia State Bar's mandatory Professionalism Course
- Chair of the Oversight Committee of the Virginia State Bar's Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline
- Chair of the Virginia State Bar's Third District Section II Disciplinary Committee
- President of the John Marshall American Inn of Court

EDUCATION

University of Richmond, J.D.

University of Virginia, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

RECOGNITIONS

• ***The Best Lawyers in America***[®]

Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Intellectual Property, 2016-2022

• **Virginia Super Lawyers**

Business Litigation, 2011-2022

• **Legal Elite (Virginia Business)**

Civil Litigation, 2012-2018, 2020-2021

Young Lawyer, 2005-2011

• **Virginia Rising Stars**

Business Litigation, 2006-2010

AFFILIATIONS

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

• Richmond Criminal Justice Act Panel, Felony List Appointment, 2017-present

• Office of the Federal Public Defender, Pro Bono Counsel, 2015-present

Virginia State Bar

• Member, Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline, 2020-present

• Member, Third District Disciplinary Committee (Section II), 2012-2019; Chair, 2014-2015

• Faculty, Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course, 2012-2015

Virginia Bar Association

• Board of Governors, 2017-2020

- Chair, Law Practice Management Division, 2017-2020
- Chair, Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law Section, 2014
- Chair, Young Lawyers Division, 2005

The Bar Association of the City of Richmond

- President-elect, 2021-present; Vice President, 2020-2021; Secretary-Treasurer, 2019-2020; Board of Directors, 2015-present
- Programs Committee, 2014-2015
- Finance Committee, 2011-2014
- Chair, Administration of Justice Committee, 2010
- Chair, Judiciary Committee, 2007-2008

American Bar Association

- Criminal Justice Section
- Intellectual Property Law Section
- Litigation Section

Federal Bar Association, Richmond Chapter

- Board of Directors, 2012-2021

John Marshall American Inn of Court

- President, 2012
- Program Chair, 2008-2010

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Trinity Episcopal School

- Board of Trustees, 2021-present

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

- Vestry Member, 2017-2020
- Co-chair, Annual Giving Campaign, 2016-2019
- Member, Nominating Committee for Vestry, 2016
- Subdeacon

Tuckahoe YMCA

- Y-Guides Leader, 2011-2016

Richmond Kickers Youth Soccer Club

- Volunteer Coach, 2009-2010

The READ Center

- Chair, Board of Directors, 2004