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R. Braxton Hill IV is a partner in the firm's Litigation department. Mr. Hill represents clients in state and federal court in cases involving business disputes, intellectual property rights, insurance coverage, product liability and medical negligence claims.

Mr. Hill has served on the firm's Recruiting Committee, Associate Training and Evaluation Committee, and Executive Committee, and he serves as chair of the Virginia Bar Association's Law Practice Management Division. In addition, he has lectured on numerous business litigation topics across the Commonwealth.

Representative Business Litigation

- Representation of a Fortune 500 railroad in an antitrust and corporate governance dispute in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Representation of a transportation company in an insurance premium collection suit in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Representation of a Fortune 500 railroad in a dispute over a force majeure termination of a coal transportation agreement in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia.
- Representation of a Fortune 500 railroad in a dispute over a force majeure termination of a coal transportation agreement in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.
- Representation of a Fortune 500 railroad in the arbitration of a dispute over a trackage rights agreement.
- Representation of a Fortune 500 retailer in an action to enforce real covenants for reimbursement of special assessment payments.
- Defense of corporate officer in connection with federal prosecution of alleged misuse of Recovery Act funds.
- Representation of natural gas company in an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit of class certification in a dispute over gas royalties.
- Representation of natural gas company in a dispute over the release of natural gas pipeline capacity.
- Representation of a Fortune 500 railroad in a dispute over transportation rate adjustments and fuel surcharge payments.
- Representation, as co-counsel, for property insurance carriers faced with claim of contaminated infant formula.
- Representation of a Fortune 500 railroad against power company in contract dispute involving cost adjustment factor applicable to a long-term coal transportation agreement.

- Representation of an insurer for a high-rise office complex in property damage and business interruption subrogation claims in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Representation of a national bank in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in claims of credit card fraud.
- Representation of an automobile insurance policyholder in a declaratory judgment action in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- Representation of a national audio equipment manufacturer in business tort claims in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia.
- Representation of a regional airport authority in a constitutional challenge to transfer of toll road operations before the City of Richmond Circuit Court and the Supreme Court of Virginia.
- Representation of defendant manufacturer in trial to verdict of breach of warranty subrogation claim involving damage to commercial roof.

Representative Intellectual Property Litigation

- Representation in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia of a Fortune 500 door and window manufacturer in a trade secret misappropriation case tried to verdict.
- Representation of a national sports association in a copyright infringement and conversion action.
- Representation in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia of patent holders and accused infringers in disputes involving wireless transmission of electronic mail, transplant tissue processing, computer memory chip design, industrial packaging machines, voice-over-internet telecommunication technology, weather stations and plasma etching equipment for semiconductor chips.
- Representation of a national fraternity in a trademark infringement action.
- Defense of patent infringement claims against a national audio equipment manufacturer in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

Representative Products Liability Litigation

- Representation of an outdoor power equipment manufacturer in a products liability case involving riding mower back-over claims.
- Representation of patient in a medical malpractice case arising from misdiagnosis of breast cancer.
- Representation of a Global 500 electronic equipment manufacturer against product liability claims in the Circuit Court for Henrico County, Virginia.
- Defense of a property management company against negligence claims involving an office building's electrical system in the Circuit Court for the City of Richmond, Virginia, and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

EDUCATION

University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., 1997

Jean Morris Tarpley Merit Scholarship Recipient

University of Virginia, B.A., English with Biology minor, 1993

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

CLERKSHIP

- Law Clerk, Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, 1997-1998

RECOGNITIONS

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

Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Intellectual Property, 2016-2019

- **Virginia Super Lawyers**

Business Litigation, 2011-2019

- **Legal Elite (Virginia Business)**

Civil Litigation, 2012-2018

Young Lawyer, 2005-2011

- **Virginia Rising Stars**

Business Litigation, 2006-2010

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- “Financial Literacy: Challenges and Opportunities for Law Practice Managers,” VBA Journal, Fall 2016
- “The Virginia State Bar’s Disciplinary Process,” Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course, 2014
- “Plaintiffs and Virginia Products Liability Law,” Virginia Trial Lawyers Association Bruce D. Rasmussen Accident Prevention and Products Liability Retreat, 2013
- “Stepping In It: Avoiding the Accidental Franchise in Your Business Plan,” Virginia Bar Association Summer Meeting, 2013
- “Remedies: The Changing Landscape at the Intersection of Civil and Intellectual Property Litigation,” Virginia Bar Association Summer Meeting, 2010
- Co-author with Michael W. Smith, Product Liability Desk Reference, Virginia chapter, (Morton F. Daller ed., Aspen Law & Business 2002-2010)
- Co-author with Michael W. Smith and Warren David Harless, Business Torts Desk Reference, Virginia chapter, (Morton F. Daller ed., Aspen Law & Business 2007)
- Co-author with Michael W. Smith, Product Liability Desk Reference, Virginia chapter, (Morton F. Daller ed., Aspen Law & Business 2002-2010)
- “Expert Designations After John Crane, Inc. v. Jones,” Virginia Bar Association Annual Meeting, 2008
- “The ‘New’ Rules for Electronic Discovery in Federal Court,” Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys Spring Series, 2006
- “Bridge the Gap – Civil Litigation,” Virginia CLE/VBA, 2001, 2003-2007
- “Nuisance Abatement,” Virginia Municipal League Annual Meeting, 2003
- Co-author with Michael R. Packer and Michael W. Smith, Local Government Attorneys of Virginia Handbook, Ch. 28: Blight Remediation (LGA, Inc. 2003-2005)

- “Multi-Jurisdictional Practice,” John Marshall American Inn of Court, 2002
- “Federal Practice in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division,” The Journal, Volume 11, Number 4, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Fall 1999

PROFESSIONAL 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**

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

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

- **Virginia Bar Association**

Board of Governors, 2017-present

Chair, Law Practice Management Division, 2017-present

Chair, Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law Section, 2014

Chair, Young Lawyers Division, 2005

- **The Bar Association of the City of Richmond**

Secretary-Treasurer, 2019-present; Board of Directors, 2015-2019

Programs Committee, 2014-2015

Finance Committee, 2011-2014

Chair, Administration of Justice Committee, 2010

Chair, Judiciary Committee, 2007-2008

- **Federal Bar Association, Richmond Chapter**

Board of Directors, 2012-present

- **John Marshall American Inn of Court**

President, 2012; Program Chair, 2008-2010

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church**

Vestry Member, 2017-present

Co-chair, Annual Giving Campaign, 2016-present

Stewardship Canvasser

Member, Nominating Committee for Vestry

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