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Prior to his retirement, J. Edward Betts served as a senior member of Christian & Barton's business law practice group. He counseled corporate clients, often through antitrust compliance and related records retention programs, in antitrust and unfair competition law, and represented them at the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission.

Mr. Betts served as managing partner of the firm for 23 years. In addition, he served as president of the Virginia Bar Association, as chair of Virginia's Committee on Lawyer Discipline and as a member of Virginia's Lawyer Disciplinary Board. He taught Antitrust Law at the University of Richmond Law School and lectured on antitrust subjects throughout the United States.

Representative Antitrust Matters

- Conducted antitrust compliance program for press association.
- Conducted antitrust compliance program for cable television association.
- Prepared antitrust compliance video and policy for media company.
- Represented health care company in responding to Civil Investigative Demand from the Federal Trade Commission.
- Represented media company in responding to Civil Investigative Demand from the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.
- Represented health care company in pre-merger notification filings and negotiations with the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.
- Represented media company in pre-merger notification filings and negotiations involving the sale and purchase of television stations with the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, LL.M., 1966

University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., 1965

Colgate University, A.B., 1962

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

RECOGNITIONS

- **Who's Who in America**

Marquis, 2007-2018

- ***The Best Lawyers in America***®

Antitrust Law, 2005-2022

- **Virginia Super Lawyers**

Antitrust Litigation, 2006-2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Virginia Bar Association**

President, 2002

Member, Committee on Special Issues of National and State Importance, 2003

- **American Bar Foundation**

Life Fellow and former Virginia State Chair

- **Virginia Law Foundation**

Fellow

- **Virginia State Bar**

Virginia Committee on Lawyer Discipline, Former Chair

Virginia Lawyer Disciplinary Board, Former Member

Antitrust Section, Chair, 1977

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

- **U. S. Supreme Court Historical Society**

Member and former Virginia State Chair

- **University of Richmond Law School**

Former Adjunct Professor of Antitrust Law

- **University of Richmond Law School Association**

President, 1979-1980

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges**

Former Member, Board of Trustees

- **John Marshall Center for Constitutional History & Civics**

Board of Trustees, 2017, 2006-2008; President, 2006-2007

- **Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees**

Secretary and Board Member, 1976-1989, 1991-1996

- **Friends of the Richmond Public Library**

President, 1974

- **The Steward School**

Vice President and Member, Board of Directors, 1977-1979

- **University of Richmond National Alumni Council**

Chair, 1979-1980

- **Richmond First Club**

Secretary, 1972

- **United Way Services for Greater Richmond, Professionals Division**

Chair, 1996

- **First Presbyterian Church (Richmond, Virginia)**

Elder, 1996-2002 and Clerk of Session

Deacon, 1989-1995 and Moderator