



# MICHAEL DUNHAM

## MEMBER

### ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHY

Michael Dunham is a trial attorney and experienced litigator practicing in the firm's Winchester, Virginia, office. He is admitted to practice law in Virginia and West Virginia.

Mr. Dunham maintains a diverse practice, handling cases involving civil rights violations, discrimination, harassment, state and municipal liability, construction defects, automobile liability, premises liability, wrongful death, wrongful termination, workplace injury, insurance coverage, insurance bad faith, errors and omissions, negligence, and professional negligence. Mr. Dunham has tried numerous cases to verdict and has represented clients in appellate matters.

Mr. Dunham has successfully defended state agencies, counties, cities, towns, and other local government entities and employees, including boards of education, principals, teachers, and other school personnel. He also has successfully defended personal injury defendants, employers, and insurance companies. He frequently provides counsel to insurers on evaluating and handling claims in all aspects of the claims handling process.

An Order of the Barristers graduate of the West Virginia College of Law, Mr. Dunham has a passion for appellate advocacy. He continues to represent clients at the appellate level. In law school, he was selected to the appellate advocacy Moot Court National team that competed at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia. He was also a finalist in the Lugar Mock Trial Tournament.

A native of Hagerstown, Maryland, Mr. Dunham currently resides in Winchester, Virginia, with his wife, Sep. In his free time, he enjoys going to baseball games and traveling with his wife.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Appeals
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Environmental Litigation
- General Litigation
- Labor, Employment & Deliberate Intent Litigation
- Long-Term Care & Nursing Home Litigation
- Medical Malpractice
- Professional Liability
- Regulatory & Licensing Compliance

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 2020
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia, 2020
- West Virginia, 2014
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia, 2014
- Virginia, 2016
- U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit, 2016
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia, 2017

## **EDUCATION**

- J.D., West Virginia University College of Law
  - Honors: Order of the Barristers
  - Honors: Recipient CALI Award, Post-Conviction Remedies
  - Honors: Recipient CALI Award, Constitutional Law Seminar
  - Honors: West Virginia Moot Court, National Team Member
  - Honors: Lugar Trial Association, Treasurer
- B.A., West Virginia University
  - Major: Political Science

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

- Jefferson Cty. Citizens for Econ. Preservation v. Public Servs. Comm'n, 241 W. Va. 172 (W. Va. 2018)
- Mimi's Inc. v. BAI Riverwalk, L.P., 2020 W. Va. LEXIS 172 (W. Va. 2020)
- Recycling Works, LLC v. Bradmor, LLC, 2021 W. Va. LEXIS 247 (W. Va. 2021)
- State ex rel. Health Care Alliance, Inc. v. O'Briant, 859 S.E.2d 746 (W. Va. 2021)
- Julie Ann Hamstead v. West Virginia Division of Highways, et al., (4th Cir. March 29, 2021)
- Aldridge v. Highland Ins. Co., No. 15-0658, 2016 WL 3369562 (W. Va. 2016)
- Grace v. Sparks, No. 15-2536, 2016 WL 4717942 (4th Cir. Sept. 9, 2016)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "LEGAL MATTERS: COMBATING CYBERBULLYING" (Co-authored) NAESP, Communicator, March 2015, Volume 38, Issue 7

#### **SEMINARS TAUGHT**

- How to Get Your Social Media, Email and Text Evidence Admitted, NBI (2018)
- Applying the Rules of Evidence: What Every Attorney Needs to Know, NBI (2017)

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

- Virginia Association of Defense Counsel
- Winchester-Frederick County Bar Association
- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia