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PRACTICES

Complex Civil Litigation
Government Contracts
Counseling & Litigation

EDUCATION

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1984
- A.B., Georgetown University, magna cum laude, 1981

Charles F. B. McAleer

MEMBER

Charles McAleer counsels and defends business entities facing complex commercial disputes, including director and officer liability, corporate governance, entity control, civil fraud, contract, business tort, unfair competition, trade secret, intellectual property, Civil Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, professional liability, securities, real estate and employment-related claims. During his career, Mr. McAleer has represented business entities across a variety of industries. The unifying feature of Mr. McAleer's practice has been CAP[®] or "Critical Asset Protection": minimizing risk and maximizing opportunity for companies by protecting their most critical assets, such as human capital, trade secrets, confidential information, technology, contracts and business relationships. He has dedicated his practice to finding successful, cost-effective, and timely solutions to business disputes.

Mr. McAleer also has extensive experience in prosecuting and defending claims involving foreign entities and individuals, including the litigation of personal jurisdiction issues, obtaining and opposing evidence located abroad through international treaties and conventions, and conducting depositions outside of the United States. He has appeared as trial and appellate counsel in both federal and state courts, as well as in several intellectual property disputes before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC). He is a permanent member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Mr. McAleer was a long-time member of the Board of the Bar association for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria Division), known as the "Rocket Docket," where he has practiced for over 25 years. From 2010-11, he served as the President of the Bar Association, and for many years he was the editor of the "Rocket Docket News," which is the official, award-winning publication of the Bar association. He is the author of various articles in the American Bar Association's *Business Torts Journal*.

Published appellate opinions issued in cases in which Mr. McAleer successfully represented business clients include: *Cordant, Inc. v. Ogden Government Services Corp., et al.*, 493 S.E.2d 512 (Va. 1997), in which the Virginia Supreme Court expressly rejected adoption of promissory estoppel as a cause of action in Virginia; and *RTC, as Conservator for Commonwealth Savings Bank v. Maplewood Investments, et al.*, 31 F.3d 1276 (4th Cir. 1994), in which the Fourth Circuit rejected the application of federal common law to deficiency claims asserted by the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) against a partnership and certain individual guarantors.

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- DC Bar Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2017 - 2018
- DC Bar Capital Pro Bono High Honor Roll, 2015 - 2016

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Litigation Section, District of Columbia Bar
- Member, Litigation Section, Virginia State Bar
- Member, Litigation Section (Business Torts Committee), American Bar Association

ADMISSIONS

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Court Admissions

- District of Columbia Superior Court
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Virginia
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit