

**PRACTICE FOCUS**

Mark Shaffer is a first chair trial attorney with significant courtroom experience. He has litigated throughout the United States with substantial experience in the state and federal courts of Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Shaffer concentrates his litigation practice in construction litigation, eminent domain, contract disputes, land use litigation, and leasing disputes. He represents owners, developers, contractors, project engineers and design professionals at all levels of the state and federal courts, and includes litigating a wide variety of design defects, differing site conditions, delay claims, and change orders. He also represents owners and developers in zoning appeals, development agreements, easement rights and restrictive covenant disputes.

Mr. Shaffer also litigates a wide variety of government contract claims, including disputes between prime and subcontractors, contract termination claims, teaming agreement disputes, and non-compete agreement disputes.

Mr. Shaffer also has significant experience litigating business and corporate disputes, including fraud, conversion, breach of fiduciary duty claims and derivative actions. He routinely assists shareholders with enforcing their rights to inspect corporate books and records, to obtain accountings of their investments and corporate assets, and to hold corporate officers and directors accountable for breaches of their corporate duties.

Although he focuses on litigation, Mr. Shaffer has assisted clients on all levels of service, including advice, strategy, litigation, and settlement negotiations. Mr. Shaffer is also routinely called upon to present legal seminars to businesses and clients on a variety of matters concerning construction litigation, condemnation procedures, easement acquisition and rights, and e-discovery.

Before he attained his law degree, Mr. Shaffer served on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Shaffer continues to serve with the United States Marine Corps Reserves, and previously served in Iraq.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- Obtained \$24 million judgment in favor of landowner in highly contentious condemnation matter.
- Argued, briefed, and won motion striking testimony of landowners' expert witnesses in inverse condemnation matter.
- Argued, briefed, and won motion to strike, obtaining dismissal with prejudice of \$1 million fraud claim against major financial institution.
- First-chaired and prevailed on hearing granting energy company immediate access to numerous landowners' properties during condemnation matters.
- First-chaired and obtained dismissal of claims brought against board members for wrongful dissolution of the corporation.
- First-chaired and obtained dismissal of breach of contract and violations of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act against major telecommunications client.
- First-chaired and prevailed in construction dispute brought against the contractor for the defective construction of a dance studio.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Named to "Virginia Rising Stars," Business Litigation, Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2017
- Named to "Washington, D.C. Rising Stars," Business Litigation, Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2017

EDUCATION

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2007
- B.A. Magna Cum Laude, University of Baltimore, 2002

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

MARK E. SHAFFER

Principal, Tysons Corner

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Government Contracting
- Land Use and Eminent Domain
- Real Estate Law and Transactions

ACTIVITIES

- Member, Fairfax County Bar Association

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