



# Daniel Watkins

## Associate

Daniel joined Clare Locke as an Associate in 2016. His practice is dedicated to crisis management, protecting clients facing unfair reputational attacks, and controversial matters. As a trial lawyer, Daniel specializes in high-profile and complex litigation to vindicate the rights of individual and corporate clients.

While much of his practice involves highly-sensitive and confidential matters that fall outside of public consumption, Daniel has been featured in a number of national and international publications for his work, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *Good Morning America*, *ABC Nightly News*, and *Vanity Fair*. Daniel has also been named a “Rising Star” by *Virginia Super Lawyers* magazine.

Prior to joining Clare Locke LLP, Daniel was an associate at a premier law firm. He has served as trial counsel in a plethora of matters including high-stakes criminal cases, contract disputes, consumer protection, insurance coverage, securities, white collar, fiduciary disputes, specific performance, construction disputes, and internal investigations. Additionally, he has successfully represented a number of college students confronted with academic integrity investigations and Title IX proceedings involving allegations of sexual misconduct.

Daniel’s pro bono practice is active, and he has provided legal services on behalf of the Innocence Project, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Legal Aid and Justice Center, and Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

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### ADMISSIONS

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### EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law  
J.D., 2012  
Abilene Christian University,  
B.A., *with honors*, 2009