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OVERVIEW

David focuses his practice on construction, surety, and fidelity related claims on behalf of construction companies, sureties, and fidelity carriers. His practice also includes litigation of general commercial and regulatory claims and actions. Colleagues Eric Korphage, Rob Kline, Jay Bernstein, Tony Kikendall, and Bryan Lu work alongside David to provide these services to the practice, along with a full Construction and Surety team of professionals.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

He has written extensively on surety, fidelity and construction-related issues including co-authoring "Surety Bonds and Insurance in the Construction Industry," "Arbitration of Construction in Commercial Cases" and "Maryland Construction Law: What Do You Do When...?"

David has been recognized for his work as Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*® in America, Litigation – Construction in Baltimore, 2021-2024, and by *Best Lawyers*® in America, Construction Litigation & Municipal Litigation, 2013-2026. Mr. Gilliss is an AV Rated Attorney as listed in Martindale-Hubbell, 1999-2025, and he has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a Maryland Top 100 Lawyer, 2014 – 2016, and 2019 – 2024, and by *Super Lawyers* as a Top-Rated attorney in both Surety Law and Construction Litigation, 2008-2025. David has been recognized by Chambers USA Guide every year since 2023-2025 as a top Construction attorney in Maryland.

IN THE NEWS

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White and Williams Lawyers
8.21.25

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6.16.25

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation
Construction and Surety

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Maryland
U.S. District Court District of Maryland
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Federal Claims
U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

University of Maryland School of Law, JD, 1985
College of Wooster, BA, 1980

MEMBERSHIPS

Maryland State Bar Association
Baltimore County Bar Association
American Bar Association, Fidelity and Surety Law Committee
Defenses Research Institute
Mid-Atlantic Surety Association
Philadelphia Surety Claims Association
Chicago Surety Claims Association

White And Williams Celebrates Chambers USA Guide 2025 Rankings
Chambers USA Guide 2025, 6.9.25

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 49 White and Williams Attorneys
8.15.24

White and Williams Celebrates Chambers 2024 Rankings
Chambers USA Rankings 2024, 6.10.24

Congratulations 2024 DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
6.6.24

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 45 White and Williams Lawyers
Firm News, 8.18.23

White and Williams recognized with Multiple Honorees in the Chambers 2023 USA Guide
6.9.23

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
5.25.23

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White And Williams Lawyers
Firm News, 8.18.22

White and Williams LLP Acquires 6 Attorney Firm
8.2.22