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**R. Stark Merrifield, IV concentrates his practice in general insurance coverage litigation, construction defects, premises liability cases, related first party insurance matters and commercial litigation.**

Prior to joining Niles Barton, Stark served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Angela M. Eaves of the Supreme Court of Maryland. While in law school, Stark was a research assistant who examined federal regulations surrounding the NCAA's ban on student athletes receiving compensation for use of their name, image, and likeness. Stark's research helped prepare testimony for a briefing in front of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, United States Senate.

### Bar Admissions

Maryland  
U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

### Education

J.D., *Cum Laude*, University of Baltimore School of Law, 2021  
B.S. in Political Science, Towson University, 2016

### Related Practice Areas

Business & Commercial  
Construction Defects  
First Party Property  
Insurance  
Insurer Bad Faith  
Litigation  
Professional Liability  
Reinsurance and Excess Lines  
Representations & Warranties

## **Publications**

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*Constitutionality of Baltimore City's Local Hiring Law*, 53 U. Balt. L. F. 1, 43 (2022).