



(Bladensburg Veterans Memorial. Credit: FirstLiberty.org)

## **Attorneys for The American Legion Petition for *En Banc* Rehearing in Bladensburg Veterans Memorial Case**

Petition for rehearing *en banc* filed today with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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**RICHMOND, Va.**—In light of last month’s decision by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit declaring the Bladensburg WWI Veterans Memorial unconstitutional, First Liberty Institute and Jones Day have filed a petition for a rehearing *en banc* on behalf of The American Legion.

The following statement can be attributed to Kelly Shackelford, President and CEO of First Liberty Institute:

Memorials are living reminders of our country’s history and the cost of war. How will we remember the fallen or teach the next generation about service and sacrifice if we start bulldozing veterans memorials and cemeteries across America? We will continue our work to overturn this decision and defend the memory of those who preserved our freedom.

The following statement can be attributed to Michael Carvin, lead counsel for The American Legion and partner at Jones Day:

This is a case of exceptional importance that threatens memorials nationwide. We are hopeful the Fourth Circuit will recognize the significance of this case and the necessity of *en banc* review.

To learn more, visit [FirstLiberty.org/Bladensburg](http://FirstLiberty.org/Bladensburg).

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**About First Liberty Institute**

[First Liberty Institute](#) is a non-profit public interest law firm and the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious freedom for all Americans.

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