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Debbie has 25 years experience handling all aspects of family law. She is the Chair of the Family Law Practice Group at Kaufman & Canoles. Her practice includes contested and uncontested divorce, custody, support, equitable distribution (Virginia's division of property law), post-divorce matters and pre-marital, marital and separation agreements. Debbie practices in all of the local circuit courts, juvenile and domestic relations district courts, and has argued cases in the Virginia Court of Appeals and Virginia Supreme Court.

#### practice areas

- Family Law

#### representative matters

- Represents business owners or their spouse in divorces requiring expertise in business valuations
- Represents military members or their spouse requiring knowledge of military laws and the division of military pensions
- Prepares and reviews prenuptial agreements to protect assets owned prior to marriage
- Represents both the professional spouse and the spouse who has been out of the job market during the marriage
- Represents mothers/fathers/grandparents in contested custody litigation and support matters
- Handled multiple cases involving complex issues of tracing separate/marital property interests that have been commingled during the marriage

#### recognition and honors

- Virginia Super Lawyers; *Law & Politics*, 2007–2009, 2011
- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2004–2006, 2008–2010
- AV<sup>®</sup> Rated; Martindale-Hubbell

#### associations

- American Bar Association; Family Law Section
- Virginia State Bar; Family Law Section
- Virginia State Bar; Domestic Relations Council
- Second District Disciplinary Committee
- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association
- Virginia Beach Bar Association

#### admissions

- Virginia, 1983
- Supreme Court of VA, 1983
- U.S. District Court; Eastern District of VA, 1984

## education

- George Mason University; B.A., 1980
- College of William & Mary School of Law; J.D., 1983

## press and publication

- 36 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2011 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2011
- 39 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2010
- 39 K&C Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2009
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2008
- 28 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 8 Named as Virginia Rising Stars 2008
- 30 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named in Virginia Super Lawyers 2007
- 34 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2006
- 27 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite
- 31 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite
- Contributor; *The Virginia Lawyer*, 1985, 1988, 1991