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Win has been a trial attorney with Kaufman & Canoles since 1980, and currently serves as managing partner of the firm's Newport News office. AV[®] Rated by Martindale Hubbell, his practice includes a broad range of commercial and real estate civil litigation, with an emphasis on environmental disputes, lending and banking disputes, title and real estate disputes, and disputes concerning wills and trusts.

practice areas

- Litigation
- Environmental & Administrative Law
- Title Insurance & Title Resolution
- Private Client Services

representative matters

- Superfund: Representation of potentially responsible parties, beginning in the late 1980s
- Currently lead counsel for national chemical company in Superfund case (potentially involving a \$20 million cleanup) raising cutting-edge issues post Burlington Northern v. United States, United States v. Atlantic Research Corp., and Cooper Industries, Inc. v. Aviall Services, Inc.
- Conservation Easements: Representation of donors and purchasers of tax credits and/or deductions
- Currently lead counsel for donor in litigation against Virginia Department of Taxation concerning value of conservation easement, with over \$15 million in dispute
- Representation of donors in challenges by IRS to value of conservation easements
- Title Insurance: Representation of all major title insurers doing business in Virginia in cases representing larger amounts of exposure for insurance company
- Currently lead counsel for a major title insurance company addressing claims in the tens of millions of dollars based on a huge mortgage loan scheme victimizing numerous lenders
- Retained by major title insurance companies doing business in Virginia to represent insureds in high stakes title disputes
- Representation of large national liability insurer, only in cases where insurance company itself faces major exposure
- Representation of defendants and plaintiffs (including FDIC) in professional liability suits alleging negligence on the part of bank or corporate officers and/or directors, attorneys and accountants
- Representation of defendants and plaintiffs in high stakes disputes concerning wills and trusts
- Representation of major lenders and settlement agents in litigation brought under consumer protection legislation

recognition and honors

- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2011

associations

- Princeton University; Schools Committee at National and Local Levels
- CIVIC Leadership Institute; Former Member of Board of Directors
- Virginia Symphony; Former Chair of Board of Directors
- American Heart Association; Former Chair of Local Council
- Virginia Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar
- Newport News Bar Association
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association; Former Member of Executive Committee
- Norfolk Law Library Foundation; Former President of Board of Directors

admissions

- Virginia
- United States Supreme Court
- Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
- All Federal District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts in Virginia

education

- Princeton University; A.B., Economics, *cum laude*, 1968
- Boston College Law School; J.D., *cum laude*, 1980

press and publication

- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2011