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Clark's litigation practice focuses on commercial, general, franchise, appellate, and bankruptcy litigation, and other matters involving creditors' rights. His experience includes representing creditors and corporate clients in cases involving complex commercial litigation and bankruptcy issues, including avoidance actions, relief from stay, and general litigation disputes on matters ranging from commercial leases to business conspiracy claims. Clark's experience also includes general civil litigation in federal courts, state courts, and before arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association, including appeals before state appellate courts.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights & Business Restructuring
- Franchising

#### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Counsel for advertising agency in commercial litigation involving personal jurisdiction issues and breach of contract matters in Federal Court
- Counsel for hotel in connection with construction nuisance litigation
- Represented national franchisor in connection with collections and non-compete enforcement litigation
- Represented defendants in fraudulent conveyance bankruptcy litigation
- Represented municipality in defense of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 litigation
- Represented homeowners in construction arbitration dispute
- Served as local counsel in class action discovery dispute in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- Drafted briefs for successful appeals in the Supreme Court of Virginia
- Represented lenders and property owners in real estate litigation matters
- Represented local company and municipality in insurance coverage disputes
- Represented entities in pursuing appeals of small business and minority or women-owned business status certifications

#### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- New Venture Holdings, L.L.C. v. DeVito Verdi, Inc., 376 F. Supp. 3d 683 (E.D. Va. 2019)
- Bauer Compressors, Inc. v. Three Rivers Crane, Inc., No. 2:18-CV-282, 2018 WL 4655731 (E.D. Va. Sept. 27, 2018)
- Soho Wilmington LLC v. Barnhill Contracting Co., No. 7:18-CV-79-D, 2019 WL 165708 (E.D.N.C. Jan. 10, 2019)
- Dr. Allan L. Bergano, D.D.S., P.C. v. City of Virginia Beach, 241 F. Supp. 3d 690 (E.D. Va. 2017)
- Matter of Mediation in Health Diagnostic, Lab., Inc., No. 3:17-MC-4, 2018 WL 524711 (E.D. Va. Jan. 23, 2018)
- CSX Transportation, Inc. v. Norfolk S. Ry. Co., No. 2:18CV530, 2019 WL 4564564 (E.D. Va. Sept. 9, 2019)

## RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2021
- Norfolk Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, 2021
- Norfolk Commercial Litigation; *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, 2021-2022
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Douglas E. Miller; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 2014-2015
- Legal Extern to the Honorable Roger L. Gregory; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Fall 2013
- Manuscripts Editor, University of Richmond Law Review

## ASSOCIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association, Hampton Roads Chapter, Board Member
- l'Anson-Hoffman Inn of Court
- Virginia Bar Association
- Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association
- Alzheimer's Association, Newport News Walk Committee, Past Member

## ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

## EDUCATION

- University of Virginia; B.A., 2010
- University of Richmond School of Law; J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2014

## PRESS AND PUBLICATION

- 52 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2021
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2022, 4 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 8 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 46 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America* 2021 and 5 Named "Lawyer of the Year" and 7 Named "Ones to Watch"
- Title Insurance Client Alert - Virginia Holds that the Two-Year Statute of Limitations for Fraud Applies to Claims of Forgery, June 2019
- Title Insurance Client Alert - Supreme Court of Virginia Clarifies that Property Lines Are Presumed to Run to the Center of a Road When the Deed Describes the Property as Being "Bounded By" a Road, October 2018
- Clark J. Belote, Esq. Joins Kaufman & Canoles