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Britton is a Member in the firm's Norfolk office and a member of the Commercial Section, the Corporate and Public Finance Group and the firm's Securities Team. His practice includes advising clients on private equity, securities offerings and regulation, corporate finance, and mergers and acquisitions. He has also assisted numerous China-based companies with their initial public offerings, SEC compliance issues and other corporate matters.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Strategic Alliances
- Corporate & Public Finance

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Advised various clients with respect to Securities Act and Securities Exchange Act matters, including initial public offerings, periodic reporting and disclosure issues, private securities offerings, tender offers and proxy statements
- Represented target company in the \$700 million sale of a publicly-traded real estate investment trust
- Represented various private equity groups in multiple acquisitions ranging from \$10 million to \$1.5 billion
- Represented multiple private equity and hedge fund sponsors throughout formation and capital raising process, including capital raises in excess of \$1 billion

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- Top Lawyers, *CoVaBIZ*, 2017-2023
- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2011-2022
- CIVIC Leadership Institute; Class of 2020
- Virginia Rising Stars; *Law & Politics*, 2013
- Editor; *Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems*
- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

ASSOCIATIONS

- Virginia Bar Association; Young Lawyers Division, Executive Committee
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association
- Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Future Generations Board; Board Member
- LEAD Hampton Roads; Class of 2012
- Tidewater Region Jefferson Scholars Selection Committee, University of Virginia
- University of Virginia Club of Tidewater; Board Member
- University of Virginia Young Alumni Council; Former Member

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia, 2010
- District of Columbia, 2006
- Massachusetts, 2003

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia; B.A., with distinction, 2000
- Columbia University School of Law; J.D., 2003

PRESS AND PUBLICATION

- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys named as Top Lawyers 2023 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2022
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2022 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 52 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2021
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2021 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- J. Britton Williston Selected to TerraLex's 2021 Leadership Program
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" 2020
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2020 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2019
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine's* Legal Elite 2018
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2019 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 31 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2017/18 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2017
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2016
- J. Britton Williston Named Member at Kaufman & Canoles
- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2015
- J. Britton Williston Awarded Virginia Bar Association Emerson G. Spies Award
- NCUA Securitization Rule Offers Opportunities, *Credit Union Times*, August 1, 2014
- 29 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2013 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2013