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Jason is President & Chief Executive Officer of Kaufman & Canoles. His healthcare litigation and counseling practice includes representing and advising hospitals, physicians, long-term care facilities and other healthcare providers. He also handles trust and estate litigation matters as part of the Estate, Trust & Wealth Transfer Practice Group. Jason serves on the firm's Executive Committee.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Health Care
- Litigation
- Estate, Trust & Wealth Transfer
- Data Privacy and Security

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Handled investigations, risk assessments and reporting obligations for potential HIPAA breaches involving several to several thousand patients on behalf of physician practice groups large and small, hospitals and teaching institutions
- Handled government investigations of alleged HIPAA breaches and violations on behalf of healthcare providers of various types
- Defended breach of health information lawsuits against healthcare providers
- Advised healthcare providers of all types on HIPAA breach prevention and compliance
- Represented an emergency room physician in a wrongful death medical malpractice trial in North Carolina federal court
- Represented an orthopedic surgeon and two general surgeons in medical malpractice trials in Virginia state court
- Defended a hospital in an EMTALA trial in Virginia federal court
- Defended a labor and delivery nurse in a medical malpractice trial in Virginia state court
- Defended nursing homes in medical malpractice trials in Virginia state court and in arbitration proceedings
- Defended a critical care specialist in proceedings before the Virginia Board of Medicine in a case involving a patient death
- Represented a hospital in an arbitration of a medical malpractice claim
- Counseled hospital systems through re-drafting of consent forms for regulatory compliance and other legal concerns
- Prepared numerous hospitals for disclosures of unexpected events to patients and families
- Developed peer review and quality assurance programs for physician practices and hospitals and argued for privilege of peer review, quality, and patient safety materials
- Counseled numerous hospitals on accreditation compliance, medical staff matters, quality assurance, EMTALA, HIPAA, Medicare CoPs, healthcare decisions and other regulatory and risk management issues

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS (CONT.)

- Counseled numerous physicians and practice groups on issues of risk management and regulatory compliance
- Served as counsel for healthcare providers in various types of commercial litigation

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- Fellow; Virginia Law Foundation, inducted in 2025
- Virginia 500 – The Power List: Law, Virginia Business Magazine, 2024-25
- Best Lawyers in America, 2018-2025
- The Power List; Inside Business, 2024
- Norfolk Litigation – Insurance “Lawyer of the Year”; Best Lawyers in America, 2024
- Go To Lawyer – Medical Malpractice Law; Virginia Lawyers Weekly, 2022
- Norfolk Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year”; Best Lawyers in America, 2021
- AV® Preeminent Rated; Martindale-Hubbell
- Virginia’s Legal Elite; Virginia Business Magazine, 2007-2024
- Virginia Super Lawyers; Law & Politics, 2009-2018, 2021, 2023-2024
- Top Lawyers; CoVaBIZ, 2017-2025
- Virginia Rising Stars; Law & Politics, 2007-2008
- Future Star; Benchmark Litigation, 2008-2009, 2013-2014
- CIVIC Leadership Institute Class of 2015; Nominating Committee 2019
- Top Forty Under Forty; Inside Business, 2007
- Judicial Law Clerk to The Honorable William T. Prince, United States Magistrate Judge; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- William & Mary Law Review

ASSOCIATIONS

- Virginia Bar Association; Healthcare and Litigation Sections
- North Carolina Bar Association; Healthcare and Litigation Sections
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association; Bench-Bar Relations Committee
- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys; Former Chair, Medical Malpractice Section
- Defense Research Institute
- Virginia Chapter of the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management
- The Greenwood School; Board of Directors
- The Williams School; President, 2013-present; Board of Trustees, 2012-present; Head of School Search Committee, 2011
- The Norfolk Forum; Board of Directors, 2014-present; Second Vice President, 2019-2021; First Vice President, 2021-2022; President, 2022-present
- Norfolk SPCA; Immediate Past President, President, Board of Directors

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia, 1994
- North Carolina, 1996

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia; B.S. with distinction, 1991
- College of William & Mary School of Law; J.D., 1994

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2025 in CoVaBIZ Magazine
- 51 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine’s “Legal Elite” 2024
- Jason R. Davis Included in the Virginia 500 – The 2024-25 Power List
- 55 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America© 2025, 7 Named “Lawyer of the Year,” and 13 Named “Ones to Watch”
- Jason R. Davis Selected to the 2024 Inside Business Power List and Ann K. Crenshaw, Vincent J. Mastracco Jr., and William R. Van Buren III Named to the Emeritus List

PRESS AND PUBLICATION (CONT.)

- 15 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers and 5 Named as Virginia Rising Stars 2024
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys named as Top Lawyers 2024 in CoVaBIZ Magazine
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2023
- 54 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America© 2024, 6 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 10 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 17 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 4 Named as Rising Stars
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2022
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America© 2023, 4 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 8 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 17 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 3 Named as Rising Stars in Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars 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
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America© 2022, 4 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 8 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 19 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 3 Named as Rising Stars in Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars 2021
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2021 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2020
- 46 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2021 and 5 Named "Lawyer of the Year" and 7 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2020 in CoVaBIZ Magazine
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2019
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2020 and 3 Named "Lawyer of the Year"
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2018
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2019 in CoVaBIZ Magazine
- 43 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2019 and 8 Named "Lawyer of the Year"
- 31 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2018 and 5 Named as Rising Stars 2018
- 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
- 46 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2018
- Kaufman & Canoles Selected as the Exclusive Virginia Law Firm for TerraLex's International Network
- 29 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2017 and 5 Named as Rising Stars 2017
- Jason R. Davis Elected to Kaufman & Canoles Executive Committee
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2016
- 32 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2016 and 4 Named as Rising Stars 2016
- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2015
- Healthcare Client Alert - August 2015
- 32 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2015 and 7 Named as Rising Stars 2015
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2014
- Cybersecurity Client Alert - HHS Releases HIPAA Security Risk Assessment Tool
- 29 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2014 and 8 Named as Rising Stars 2014 54 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2013
- 29 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2013 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2013
- 55 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2012
- Private Client Services Update - Interference with Inheritance: A Novel Legal Theory
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2012 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2012
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2011
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles 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
- 31 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 11 Named as Rising Stars 2010
- 39 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2009
- Kaufman & Canoles Recognized by Benchmark Litigation