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Mark is recognized as one of the leading eminent domain attorneys in Virginia. As a seasoned litigator in all aspects of eminent domain and condemnation law, he has represented a variety of businesses and property owners against federal, state and local authorities. Mark represents owners and tenants of commercial and residential properties. Cases have included small to large tracts of vacant land, primary, secondary and rental homes, commercial office buildings, big box retailers, shopping centers, hotels, farms, mining lands, banks, restaurants, gas stations, convenience stores, churches, funeral homes, and community association properties. He also has substantial experience representing clients on relocation issues that arise from these proceedings.

Mark's active property rights practice complements his eminent domain practice. He represents property owners in property disputes, title claims, and land-use matters, including adverse possession, easement disputes, riparian rights, partition actions, receiverships, foreclosures, title reformation claims, re-zonings, and land-use permits. Mark's practice also includes real estate transactions and finance. Mark is a frequent speaker on real property matters throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and for national trade and legal associations. Mark has served as the president of the Newport News Bar Association and is highly regarded among his peers.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Eminent Domain
- Litigation
- Real Estate Strategies
- Lender Representation

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented numerous shopping centers, retailers, and restaurants in eminent domain cases filed by VDOT, the federal government, localities, and utility providers
- Represented the owners of hotel properties, medical complexes, vacant parcels, storage facilities, and many other types of investment properties in eminent domain cases
- Represented numerous residential property owners in eminent domain cases filed by VDOT, localities, and utility providers
- Defended against a multimillion dollar breach of contract and fraud claim

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- Best Lawyers in America, 2021-2025
- Top Lawyers; CoVaBIZ, 2015, 2017-2025
- Virginia's Legal Elite; Virginia Business Magazine, 2019-2020, 2022-2024

RECOGNITION AND HONORS (CONT.)

- Featured Presenter, Eminent Domain Conference in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020
- CIVIC Leadership Institute Class of 2014
- AV® Preeminent; Martindale-Hubbell
- AVVO Top Rated 10

ASSOCIATIONS

- Boys & Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula; Secretary, Executive Committee; Board of Directors
- Peninsula German Club; Board of Directors
- Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors; Executive Committee, Chairman of Membership
- Newport News Bar Association; Board of Directors; Past-President
- Virginia Bar Association; Real Property Subcommittee, Eminent Domain Subcommittee
- American Bar Association
- Hampton Roads Association of Commercial Real Estate
- Associated General Contractors of Virginia
- American Heart Association Peninsula Heart Ball; Corporate Sponsor Chair, 2010
- Virginia Living Museum; Board of Trustees
- Salvation Army of the Virginia Peninsula; Board of Advisors
- Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; Graduate of the Leadership Institute
- Hampton Roads Academy; Alumni Board
- Denbigh Rotary Club; Board of Advisors
- Oyster Point Rotary Club
- Virginia Peninsula Association of Realtors, Risk Management Committee

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

EDUCATION

- College of William & Mary; B.A., 1987
- College of William & Mary Law School; J.D., 1994

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2025 in CoVaBIZ Magazine
- 51 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2024
- 55 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America© 2025, 7 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 13 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 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"
- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys named as Top Lawyers 2023 in CoVaBIZ Magazine
- 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"
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2022 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America© 2022, 4 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 8 Named "Ones to Watch"
- Commissioners: Who Can Serve and Who Cannot?, presented at the 14th Annual Virginia Eminent Domain Conference, May 6, 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*

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite 2019
- "Pittsylvania County farmer sheds light on how pipeline project will affect land for years to come," GoDanRiver.com, April 6, 2019
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2019 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 2017 Virginia Eminent Domain Legislative Update
- "The Deadly D's - Divorce, Death and Disclosure!" presented to Virginia Peninsula Association of REALTORS® on December 18, 2017
- 31 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2017/18 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- Kaufman & Canoles Announces New Practice Group: Eminent Domain
- Kaufman & Canoles Forms Group Specializing in Eminent Domain Issues
- Attorneys With An Affinity For Winning
- Discovery and Rules of Evidence in Eminent Domain, presented at the CLE International Virginia Eminent Domain Seminar on May 5, 2016
- Mark A. Short Selected for CIVIC Leadership Institute Class of 2014
- Mark A. Short Named President of the Newport News Bar Association
- Real Estate Strategies Update - "Inverse Condemnation" Explained
- Pre-Condemnation Planning for Landowners: A Property Owner Checklist
- Frequently lectures on real property matters before state and local bar associations and trade groups, including featured presenter for CLE International on Eminent Domain