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Mary Beth is a member in the firm's Health Care Group. She chairs the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee and serves on the firm's Recruiting Committee. Her practice includes insurance defense of personal injury matters in the health care context ranging from the representation of health systems and hospitals to practices and individual healthcare providers. In addition to civil litigation, she also defends health care providers in matters before the Virginia Department of Health Professions to include the respective licensing boards. Mary Beth routinely advises her health care clients on risk management and medical staff issues. She also provides guidance on health care decision-making matters to include guardianship/conservatorship and medical treatment proceedings.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

- Health Care
- Private Client Services

#### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Counsels health systems, hospitals, nursing homes, physicians and other health care professionals on risk management issues, and handles guardianship and medical treatment proceedings
- Defends health care professionals when their depositions are requested as treating providers
- Represents health care professionals before health regulatory boards, including the Virginia Board of Medicine and the Virginia Board of Nursing - most recently defended physician who was fully exonerated by Board despite receiving letter of reprimand from hospital for endangering resident.
- Handles the Medical Malpractice Team's cases involving female health care professionals

#### RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2021
- AV® Rated; Martindale-Hubbell
- LEAD Hampton Roads, Class of 2014
- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2014-2019
- Virginia Rising Stars; *Law & Politics*, 2008-2015
- Top Lawyers; *CoVaBIZ Magazine*, 2019-2020
- Virginia Rising Stars; PI Med Mal: Defense, 2015
- Law Clerk to The Honorable Rebecca Beach Smith, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- Editorial Board; *William & Mary Law Review*
- William & Mary National Trial Team
- Wellesley College Scholar

## ASSOCIATIONS

- Virginia Bar Association; Healthcare and Litigation Sections
- Virginia State Bar
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Norfolk Blocker YMCA; Board of Directors
- Bon Secours DePaul Health Foundation; Board of Directors

## ADMISSIONS

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

## EDUCATION

- Columbia University; Paris France, 1996
- Wellesley College; A.B., *cum laude*, 1997
- College of William & Mary Law School; J.D., 2000

## PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 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
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine’s* Legal Elite 2018
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2019 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
- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine’s Legal Elite 2015
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine’s Legal Elite 2014
- 32 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2014 and 7 Named as Rising Stars 2015
- 29 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2014 and 8 Named as Rising Stars 2014
- 29 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2013 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2013
- 40 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2012 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2012
- 36 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2011 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2011
- 31 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 11 Named as Rising Stars 2010
- 30 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers, 12 Named as Rising Stars 2009
- “Physician Immunity After *Oraee*: When Are You Immune for Tests/Exams You Didn’t Order?” *M.D. News*, November/December 2008
- 28 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 8 Named as Virginia Rising Stars 2008
- Kaufman & Canoles Announces New Partners