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Mr. Barney, a former principal, who has been with the firm since 1972, practices in the Real Estate Strategies and Estate, Trust & Wealth Transfer Practice Groups, and is located in the firm's Virginia Beach office. His practice focuses on real estate acquisition and sale, including development, construction, management, leasing, brokerage, financing, lending, workout, environmental and land use. He also has extensive experience in asset and wealth planning, in addition to estate and trust administration. Mr. Barney has had an active Virginia real estate agents license since 1978.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Real Estate Strategies
- Estate, Trust & Wealth Transfer

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented the developer/operator as local counsel in the acquisition, financing and operation of a large regional mall
- Represented major aggregates and cement producer on multimillion-dollar sale of U.S. properties
- Represented developer of several planned unit developments with mixed-uses
- Represents developers/operators of several golf courses
- Executor/Trustee of several multimillion-dollar estates, including operating responsibility for multifamily, retail, office and residential properties
- Represents owners/borrowers under HUD, FNMA, FHLMC and MBS multifamily programs
- 25 years experience representing the real estate division of a regional national bank, including asset lending, workout/foreclosures, legal file audits, and developing standard forms and procedures

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- AV® Preeminent (Bar and Judiciary) Rated; Martindale-Hubbell
- Best Lawyers in America, 2002-2025
- Virginia Super Lawyers; Law & Politics, 2006-2012
- Virginia Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition; Law & Politics, 2009-2010
- Virginia's Legal Elite; Virginia Business Magazine, 2008, 2018, 2020

ASSOCIATIONS

- American College of Real Estate Lawyers; Senior Fellow, April 1989-present
- Virginia State Bar; Real Property Section; Board of Governors, 1982-1988; Chairman, 1988-1997; Area Representative, 1988-present; Trusts and Estate Section
- Virginia Bar Association; Real Estate Section Council, 1994-2000; Wills, Trust and Estates Section, Member
- Virginia Beach Bar Association

ASSOCIATIONS (CONT.)

- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association; Chairman, Young Lawyers Section, 1979
- Tidewater Builders Association, former Associate Member
- Helen G. Gifford Foundation; Director
- Central Business District Association; Member, Executive Committee of the Board of Directors; Member, Strategic Growth Area Committee
- Jewish Community Center of South Hampton Roads Foundation; Trustee
- Tidewater Jewish Foundation; Director; Chair, Gift Acceptance; Member, Investment Committee
- Westminster Canterbury Management Corporation; Finance Committee, 2013-2016; Board of Trustees, 2009-2013

EDUCATION

- University of Virginia; B.A., 1969
- University of Richmond School of Law; J.D., 1972

PRESS AND PUBLICATION

- 55 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2025, 7 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 13 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 54 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2024, 6 Named "Lawyer of the Year," and 10 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers In America 2023, 5 Named "Lawyer of the Year" and 8 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2022, 4 Named "Lawyer of the Year" and 8 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" 2020
- 46 Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2021, 5 Named "Lawyer of the Year" and 7 Named "Ones to Watch"
- 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
- 43 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2019 and 8 Named "Lawyers of the Year"
- 46 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2018
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named Best Lawyers in America 2017
- 42 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2016
- 42 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2015
- 42 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2014
- 41 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2013
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2012 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2012
- 40 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2012
- 36 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2011 and 14 Named as Rising Stars 2011
- 36 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2011
- 31 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers & 11 Named as Rising Stars 2010
- 2 K&C Attorneys Named in Corporate Counsel Edition of Super Lawyers May 2010
- 35 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers in America 2010