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Tommy's extensive legal background, combined with serving as Virginia Senator for the 3rd Senatorial District since 1992, brings Kaufman & Canoles clients a unique perspective in their representation.

While maintaining his commitment to the Virginia Senate, Tommy remains active in his legal practice. As of counsel in the Litigation Practice Group, Tommy specializes in civil and criminal litigation, as well as in timeshare law. He has handled complex criminal matters, including representation of public officials and their families. His extensive experience in transactions which directly or indirectly involve real estate such as buying and selling businesses, reviewing and negotiating contracts, and obtaining land use and zoning permits, brings his clients the full spectrum of services for their commercial real estate transactions.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- Virginia State Senate; Third Senatorial District, 1992-present
- Former Majority Leader of the Virginia Senate
- Virginia 500 The Power List: Government | Politics; Virginia Business Magazine, 2020
- The Power List; 75 People Who Shape and Influence Hampton Roads; Inside Business, 2019
- Virginia's Legal Elite, Virginia Business Magazine, 2018-2020
- Top Lawyers; CoVaBiz Magazine, 2019-2021
- Member; Finance Committee, Commerce & Labor Committee, Rules Committee, Joint Rules Committee, Virginia
- Crime Commission, Governor's Commission on Tourism
- Chairman; Joint Subcommittee studying Potential Changes in Restructuring Electrical Generation, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, Commission Studying Incentives for the Shipbuilding Industry, Jamestown Yorktown Commission and the Management Committee
- Legislator of the Year; Virginia Sheriffs' Association
- Legislator of the Year; Virginia Chamber of Commerce, 2019
- Roll of the Drum Award; Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce
- · Leader of the Year; William & Mary School of Education
- Prentis Award; College of William & Mary
- Distinguished Service Award; Virginia Military Institute

ASSOCIATIONS

- Williamsburg Bar Association
- Newport News Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar

ASSOCIATIONS (CONT.)

- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association
- Virginia Military Institute Foundation; Director, 1997
- TowneBank of Williamsburg; Chairman of Board; Corporate Board, Member
- Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; Trustee

ADMISSIONS

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EDUCATION

- Virginia Military Institute; B.A., 1968
- College of William and Mary School of Law; J.D., 1973