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Will's practice focuses on real estate, business consulting, estate planning and administration, and eminent domain. Will's clients range from individuals and family businesses to large corporations and municipalities. Will thrives on the personal relationships involved in assisting his clients from the biggest to the smallest matters he handles.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Real Estate Strategies
- Estate, Trust & Wealth Transfer
- Commercial
- Eminent Domain

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Real Estate/Land Use

- Representation of national developer in the rezoning and development of a mixed use community with a regional destination shopping center and 650 residential units
- Representation of a 2,000-unit age-restricted community in numerous master plan and zoning revisions
- Representation of numerous developers in rezonings, special use permits, comprehensive plan amendments
- Representation of metal recycling facility in zoning amendment and resolution of disputes with adjacent owners
- Representation of homeowners association in coordination with developer of mixed-use community for collaborative revision of community master plan

Eminent Domain

- Representation of hundreds of landowners and businesses impacted by major regional natural gas pipeline project to negotiate fair compensation and minimization of impacts from proposed taking
- Representation of numerous landowners' and businesses' eminent domain cases involving VDOT, localities, and utility providers

Estate, Trust & Wealth Transfer

- Representation of numerous executors, trustees, and families in estate and trust administrations
- Representation of clients in all ranges of estate planning needs, from the preparation of simple wills and power of attorney documents to complex tax planning, including preparation and funding of revocable living trusts
- Representation of families in succession planning for ownership by multiple generations of vacation homes, hunting cabins, and farm land

Business/Commercial

- Representation of numerous closely held companies in formation, structuring, and general governance
- Representation of buyers and sellers in asset purchase and stock purchase transactions
- Representation as general counsel of continuing care retirement community
- Representation of buyers, sellers, and operators of mobile home parks

RECOGNITION AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2024-2025
- Top Lawyer; *CoVaBIZ Magazine*, 2019-2023
- Virginia Rising Stars; Real Estate, 2015-2023
- Virginia's Legal Elite; *Virginia Business Magazine*, 2018-2023
- CIVIC Leadership Institute; Class of 2021
- Millennial on the Move; *CoVaBIZ Magazine*, 2019
- Top 40 Under 40, *Inside Business*, 2018
- *William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*, 2006–2008

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association; Young Lawyers Division, Executive Council
- Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference; 9th Circuit Representative
- Williamsburg Bar Association
- Franklin-Southampton Bar Association
- Christopher Newport University Alumni Society; Board of Directors
- Christopher Newport University Education Foundation; Board of Trustees
- Christopher Newport University Athletics Advisory Committee
- Franklin Southampton Charities; Board of Directors
- Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors
- The Village at Woods Edge; Board of Directors

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia, 2008

EDUCATION

- Christopher Newport University; B.S. in Business Finance, *cum laude*, 2005
- College of William & Mary School of Law; J. D., 2008

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 55 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers in America*© 2025, 7 Named “Lawyer of the Year,” and 13 Named “Ones to Watch”
- 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
- 44 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys named as Top Lawyers 2023 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 53 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine*’s “Legal Elite” 2022
- 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 202 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 52 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine*’s “Legal Elite” 2021
- 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
- 18 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers in 2020 and 4 Named as Rising Stars 2020
- 45 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Top Lawyers 2020 in *CoVaBIZ Magazine*
- 48 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named *Virginia Business Magazine*’s “Legal Elite” 2019
- 18 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2019 and 6 Named as Rising Stars 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*
- 31 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2018 and 5 Named as Rising Stars 2018
- Kaufman & Canoles Announces New Practice Group: Eminent Domain

PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

- 32 K&C Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2016 and 4 Named as Rising Stars 2016
- 29 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2017 and 5 Named as Rising Stars 2017
- 32 Kaufman & Canoles Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers 2015 and 7 Named as Rising Stars 2015
- Private Client Services Update - LLCs - Why Don't You Have One?
- Private Client Services Update - 2013 Virginia Legislative Update - Trusts & Estates Law
- Private Client Services Update - 2012 Virginia Legislative Update - Trusts & Estates Law
- Private Client Services Update - Use of LLCs to Own Buy-Sell Insurance
- Private Client Services Update - Protecting Your Estate Planning Documents and Ensuring They are Accessible When Needed
- Private Client Services Update - Succession Planning for Family Vacation Properties
- Private Client Services Update - 2010 Virginia Legislative Update