

# Kristan B. Burch | 2018 Women in Business honoree



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At work: I have worked in the litigation section at Kaufman & Canoles for 19 years. I negotiate construction contracts and handle construction litigation and arbitration. I also handle federal court litigation involving trademarks and copyrights.

Home and family: I live in West Ghent with my husband, Alex Stiles.

Volunteer activities: I volunteer at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in West Ghent where I have served on the vestry, finance committee and stewardship committee. I am a board member for Horizons Hampton Roads which is an academic, cultural and recreational program that encourages a diverse group of students from low-income families to realize their full potential. I'm on the executive committee of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association and have held a variety of positions for the Virginia State Bar.

Motivating factor: My parents taught the value of hard work, and I attempt to follow their lead.

Advice for women in business: Vocalize your opinions and work to implement them.

Professional goal in five years: I hope to continue to work at Kaufman & Canoles and see it adapt to the challenges of the ever-evolving legal profession.

The one thing I'd change about Hampton Roads: Improve the traffic conditions between municipalities.

Region's biggest asset: The physical assets of Hampton Roads are its biggest asset.

Downtime: I love to capture my travels through photographs that I post in my office and at home.

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