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At work: I maintain an estate and trust, corporate and real estate practice in the Chesapeake office of Kaufman & Canoles P.C., having joined the firm in 2001. I am the managing member of the firm's Chesapeake office and chair the membership development committee, working to evaluate and mentor the firm's attorneys through the membership process.

Home and family: A graduate of Kempsville High School, Old Dominion University and Regent University School of Law, I live in the Hickory section of Chesapeake with my husband, Joe Scalco, and son, Owen.

Volunteer activities: I strive to serve my community through involvement with the Chesapeake Rotary Club. I am a past president of the club and continue to serve as a member of the executive committee of The Chesapeake Wine Festival. I am a co-chair of The Chesapeake First Citizen Banquet Planning Committee, a volunteer for The Chesapeake Christmas Parade and a board member of The Chesapeake Rotary Foundation. I am the current chair of The Chesapeake Health Foundation, having previously served as its gala chair and Bra-ha-ha chair. As the vice chair of the Chesapeake Economic Development Authority and the Chesapeake Land Bank Authority and interim chair of the city's transportation and toll facility advisory committee, I work to promote Chesapeake and its impact in the Hampton Roads region. I am also a member of TowneBank's Chesapeake board and serve on the executive committee of The Hampton Roads Chamber Chesapeake Board.

Motivating factor: I am motivated by my desire to be an active and contributing member of my community, where I can participate in achievements and successes for the community, city and region, rather than simply watching from the sidelines.

Advice for women in business: Listen to, rather than just hear, those willing to share their wisdom and experience; applying the lessons that others have already learned can save immeasurable time and heartache.

One thing I'd change about Hampton Roads: Remove the boundaries and barriers that divide our region, creating a cohesive and cooperative force among all of the cities to promote the region to the rest of the state and the world, in order to showcase the region's biggest asset, its people.

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Downtime: I enjoy Jazzercising, biking the boardwalk with friends and cheering on the Virginia Tech Hokies.

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