

Stephen E. Noona, Member, Kaufman & Canoles, Norfolk

As head of Kaufman & Canoles' Litigation Section and Intellectual Property Law Litigation Practice Group, Stephen Noona has spent almost 40 years trying complex commercial cases in federal and state courts. A past president of the Virginia State Bar's Intellectual Property Law Section and the local Federal Bar Association, Noona is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Growing up:

As a lifelong resident of Tidewater, saltwater from the Chesapeake Bay runs through my soul. After law school, I turned down the big city and joined Kaufman & Canoles in Norfolk to try cases with a mentor, a former Assistant United States Attorney. He was kind enough to provide me with lots of patience, wisdom and trial experience, and gave me a chance to develop my own federal court trial practice in intellectual property law. I now live in the same neighborhood in which my parents raised me and my four sisters. I have never regretted coming home and having the opportunity to build a career, raise a family with my lovely wife Louise, and enjoy the splendors of Southeast Virginia.

Early reviews: Full of energy!

On mentorship:

As the head of the Kaufman and Canoles Trial Section, I have spent countless hours mentoring some of the area's finest lawyers. I was lucky enough to be mentored by Hunter W. Sims, Jr. and have always tried to pass along the same lessons to many others.

Professional accomplishment:

I am most proud of my induction as a Fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers. I am also incredibly thankful for the opportunity to better the Virginia legal community through my service as President of the Virginia Law Foundation.

First job:

I coached a swimming and diving team for my first job when I was 15. This simple job taught me to be humble and committed and to inspire the best in each of my team members, no matter what their talent level. Most of all, it showed me that I loved to teach others and took great pride in their success.



I might have been: A physician.

Guilty pleasure:

Wading over a clear, shallow saltwater flat pursuing bonefish, tarpon and permit with a fly rod.

Favorite getaway:

St. Brandon's Atoll in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

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