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PRACTICE AREAS

Domestic Relations
Commercial & Civil Litigation
Appellate Practice
Negligence/Personal Injury

INDUSTRIES

Families, Individuals & Estates

EDUCATION

George Washington University
School of Law, J.D., 1968
College of William & Mary, A.B.,
1965

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Virginia, 1968
District of Columbia, 1970
Supreme Court of Virginia
U.S. District Court for the
Eastern District of Virginia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Fourth Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

James Korman is a shareholder of Bean, Kinney & Korman. He is a widely renowned divorce attorney with over 40 years of experience in domestic relations and personal injury matters.

Jim counsels and represents clients in all aspects of family law with particular focus on complex divorces involving the division of marital assets including stock options, pension plans, investment and business interests for high net worth individuals. He regularly applies his past experience in business, commercial and banking law to benefit his family law clients.

Jim is consistently featured in Best Lawyers in America, Super Lawyers, Washingtonian magazine, Northern Virginia magazine and other regional and national publications for his depth and breadth of experience in domestic relations.

In 2009, the Northern Virginia magazine listed Jim as a "Top Divorce Lawyer" and said, "He always tries to settle a case, but is not afraid to go to court," and "He is respected by fellow attorneys for his intellect, ethics and professionalism." Jim was described by Washingtonian magazine in March 2000 as "a straight shooter who always does his homework," "adept at complicated cases" and knowledgeable about banking law which "is especially helpful in advising divorce clients on issues involving creditors." In February 2004, Washingtonian magazine said, "He has a stellar reputation...For clients who want things handled, he is the man...He is always prepared and business-like." In his nomination for the Virginia State Bar Family Law Section's Lifetime Achievement award, which Jim received in 2014, fellow family law attorney Terrence R. Batzli wrote, "He is always willing to discuss potential solutions to every pending issue in a manner which will effect the best result for his client."

As a seasoned trial attorney, Jim knows when to litigate, when to negotiate and when to mediate.

Honors

AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell, Judicial Edition, 2019

Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame, 2018

Virginia Lawyers Weekly, Leader in the Law, 2015

Arlington County Bar Foundation, William L. Winston Award, 2015

Virginia State Bar Family Law Section, Betty A. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award, 2014

Washingtonian, Top Lawyer in Domestic Relations, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 & 2018

Washingtonian, Top Divorce Lawyer, 1995, 2000, 2004, 2009 & 2012

Best Lawyers in America in Family Law, 1995 - 2019

Best Lawyers in America "Family Law Lawyer of the Year" for the Washington, D.C. area, 2012

Virginia Super Lawyers in Family Law, 2006 – present

Virginia Super Lawyers, Top 100 Lawyers, 2015 - present

Washington D.C. Super Lawyers in Family Law, 2007 – present

Virginia Business, Legal Elite in Family Law, 2016

Virginia Business magazine, Legal Elite, 2006 & 2011

Northern Virginia magazine, Top Lawyer, 2013

Northern Virginia magazine, Top Divorce Lawyer, 2009 & 2016

Outstanding Lawyers of America

AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Experience

- Korman, Administrator v. Carpenter, 216 Va. 86 (1975)
- Gambino v. Fairfax County School Board, 429 F. Supp. 731 (E.D. Va. 1977), aff'd, 564 F.2d 157 (4th Cir. 1977)
- Stein v. Fairfax County School Board
- Butler v. Butler, 219 Va. 164, 247 S.E.2d 353 (1978)
- Mahoney v. NationsBank of Virginia, NA, 455 S.E.2d 5 (1995)

Published Articles

Do You Have a Pre-Nuptial Agreement that Has a Provision for Alimony?

March 2018

Divorce and Your Business Part II: Make Love, Not War

Arlington Chamber of Commerce Blog, April 22, 2015

Divorce and Your Business Part I: Plan B

Arlington Chamber of Commerce Blog, March 18, 2015

What Are My Options in a Divorce Besides Going to Court?

October 21, 2013

Divorce, Child Support and Alimony

October 16, 2013

Divorce and the Professional: Division of Property and Business Interests

August 7, 2013

When You Are Divorced, What Happens to Child Custody if a Parent Moves?

June 11, 2013

How Is Child Custody Determined?

May 3, 2013

Emergency Points if a Divorce is Impending: Financial Accounts and Personal Property

March 27, 2013

Marriage, Divorce and Your Business

September 16, 2012

Adultery and the Fifth Amendment

The Matrimonial Strategist, April 2012

The Drafting of Property Settlement Agreements: *DeMayo v. DeMayo* - A Cautionary Tale

The Fee Simple, May 2011

Tips for Maximizing Alternative Dispute Resolution

Virginia Lawyers Weekly, Page 8, September 5, 2010

Speaking Engagements

Dividing and Valuing Complex Assets in Divorce

Webinar - 1:00 - 2:30 pm EST, August 7, 2019

News

Eleven Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2020 Best Lawyers in America

August 15, 2019

2019 Super Lawyers

April 18, 2019

Ten Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2019 Best Lawyers in America

August 15, 2018

Bean, Kinney & Korman Attorneys Recognized as 2018 Virginia Super Lawyers, Top 10 and Rising Stars
April 30, 2018

Nine Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2018 Best Lawyers in America
August 22, 2017

Fourteen Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2017 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
April 13, 2017

Eight Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2017 Best Lawyers in America
August 15, 2016

Eleven Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2016 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
April 7, 2016

James Korman Honored with William L. Winston Award
September 28, 2015

James Korman Named "Leader in the Law" By Virginia Lawyers Weekly
August 26, 2015

Eight Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2016 Best Lawyers in America
August 17, 2015

Twelve Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2015 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
April 9, 2015

Eight Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2015 Best Lawyers in America
August 18, 2014

Six Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2014 Virginia Super Lawyers
June 13, 2014

When power couples melt down
Politico, May 9, 2014

Six Attorneys Recognized as 2014 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers
April 25, 2014

James Korman Awarded 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award
March 10, 2014

Arlington Attorney Korman Honored by Va. State Bar
Arlington Sun Gazette, March 8, 2014

James Korman was quoted in "How Would Divorce Lawyers Mediate the Shutdown Debate?"
Washingtonian Magazine, October 10, 2013

Eight Attorneys Recognized as 2014 Best Lawyers in America
August 15, 2013

Six Attorneys Recognized as 2013 Virginia Super Lawyers
June 17, 2013

Dissecting the Stigma of Family Law: An Interview with Jim Korman
LAWS.com, April 30, 2013

Nine Attorneys Recognized as 2013 Best Lawyers
August 23, 2012

Six Attorneys Recognized as 2012 Virginia Super Lawyers
July 2, 2012

James Korman and Timothy Hughes named among Virginia Business' Legal Elite
December 2, 2011

James Korman of Bean, Kinney & Korman recognized by Best Lawyers as Lawyer of the Year in Family Law
October 21, 2011

Seven Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2012 Best Lawyers
September 9, 2011

Four Attorneys Recognized as 2011 Virginia Super Lawyers
June 23, 2011

Bean, Kinney & Korman Represents Winning Defendant DeMayo in a Case Involving A Complicated Property Settlement Agreement
April 4, 2011

Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as First-Tier Law Firm For Family Law and Family Law Mediation
September 27, 2010

Why I Became A Lawyer
Virginia State Bar, August 31, 2009

Doing Without D.C.
Legal Times, June 5, 2000

Academic Appointments

Adjunct professor of Trial Advocacy at George Mason University Law School, 1996 – present.

Professional & Community Affiliations

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Fellow; Certified Matrimonial Arbitrator; Past President, Virginia chapter)

Arlington Bar Association (Past-President)

American Association for Justice (formerly Association of Trial Lawyers of America)

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association

Virginia State Bar (Former Chair, Committee on Women and Minorities)

Beyond the Suit

When Jim isn't litigating divorce cases, he enjoys traveling with his wife, attending Redskins games and collecting political campaign buttons. During one of their many trips to Paris, they visited the Rodin Garden where Jim posed with *The Thinker* statue.