

Jennifer A. Brust

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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Practice
Bankruptcy, Creditors Rights,
Enforcement & Collection
Commercial & Civil Litigation
Construction

INDUSTRIES

Bank & Lender Services
Construction
Government Contracting
Professional & Licensed
Occupations
Real Estate Development &
Investment
Retailers & Restaurateurs
Small, Emerging & Growing
Businesses

EDUCATION

George Mason University
School of Law, J.D., 1988
Princeton University, A.B., 1984

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Virginia, 1989
Maryland, 1994
District of Columbia, 1994
U.S. District Court for the
Eastern District of Virginia

Jennifer Brust is a shareholder of Bean, Kinney & Korman and represents clients in commercial and civil litigation, banking, bankruptcy, creditors' rights, construction litigation, real estate disputes, and government contract litigation. She actively litigates in the state, federal and bankruptcy courts in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Jennifer has first-chaired numerous jury and bench trials and has argued several cases before the Virginia Supreme Court. She has significant experience representing corporate clients in complex contract and other business disputes, including breaches of fiduciary duty and fraud in corporate governance, as well as representing lending institutions in creditor bankruptcy issues, loan workouts, foreclosures, asset seizure and recovery, and related litigation. Jennifer also has experience as a Court-Appointed Receiver and has served as a Commissioner-in-Chancery since 1996.

Jennifer lectures extensively on various civil litigation topics including creditors' rights and discovery issues.

Honors

Virginia Business, Legal Elite in Civil Litigation, 2019-2020

Arlington Magazine, Top Attorney - Litigation, Bankruptcy/Creditor's Rights, 2019

Named to the Inaugural Class of 'Influential Women of Law' by Virginia Lawyers Weekly, 2019

Named an "Influential Woman in Virginia" by Virginia Lawyers Media, 2013

Best Lawyers in America in Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2010 – 2021

Best Lawyers in America in Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2010 – 2021

U.S. District Court for the
Western District of Virginia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District
of Maryland

U.S. District Court for the District
of Columbia

Northern Virginia magazine, Top Lawyer, 2013

Litigation Counsel of America, Senior Fellow

AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, distinction of Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of
Preeminent Women Lawyers

Experience

- Represented a commercial condominium owner against an adjacent owner and administrator regarding a dispute over an REA.
- Represented a property owner against the general contractor in a commercial construction litigation dispute.
- Represented a national title insurance company in a dispute with the property owner over land use and restrictive covenants.
- Represented a developer in a dispute with Arlington County over land use and transferable development rights.
- Represented an oriental medicine and acupuncture school in a dispute over the operation and management of the school.
- Represented an individual member of a government contractor consulting firm in a business divorce regarding the distribution of profits under an operating agreement.
- Represented a corporation and its ESOP in a dispute with the former officers regarding the breach of fiduciary duties under ERISA and state law.
- Represented U.S. Airways, Inc. in a multi-million dollar business interruption claim.
- Defended a commercial real estate developer in an \$18 million breach of contract action.
- Defended a national retail pharmaceutical company in a \$20 million breach of contract action.
- Represented a limited liability company against Cable & Wireless, Inc. in a breach of contract action.
- Represented creditors with multi-million dollar claims in the In Re: Jefferson Mills, Inc. bankruptcy, the In Re: U.S. Airways bankruptcy, and the In Re: Orbital Sciences Corporation bankruptcy.
- Represented many small businesses in business “break-ups” in the government contracting, restaurant, real estate and professional services industries.
- Served as a Court-Appointed Receiver taking over troubled and mismanaged businesses.

News

Fifteen Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2022 Best Lawyers in America and Five Attorneys Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
August 19, 2021

Jennifer Brust Awarded Campbell-Smith-Thompson Award by the Arlington County Bar Foundation
Arlington County Bar Foundation, December 18, 2020

Thirteen Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2021 Best Lawyers in America and Three Attorneys Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
August 20, 2020

Twenty-six Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as Top Attorneys by *Arlington Magazine*
October 18, 2019

Eleven Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2020 Best Lawyers in America
August 15, 2019

Jennifer Brust Named to Inaugural Class of 'Influential Women of Law' by Virginia Lawyers Weekly
January 16, 2019

Ten Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2019 Best Lawyers in America
August 15, 2018

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

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

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

New Managing Shareholders Elected
April 1, 2015

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

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

Jennifer Brust Named an Influential Woman of Virginia by Virginia Lawyers Media
March 14, 2013

Bean, Kinney & Korman Women's Attorneys' Group Donates Over 100 Items of Clothing to Dress for Success
October 12, 2012

Nine Attorneys Recognized as 2013 Best Lawyers
August 23, 2012

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

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

Jennifer Brust and James Schroll will teach Secured Finance at George Mason University School of Law
August 12, 2010

Academic Appointments

Adjunct Professor, George Mason University School of Law, Secured Finance, 2010 - Present

- Course explores the law and economic consequences of secured finance with a focus on the Uniform Commercial Code's Article 9.

Professional & Community Affiliations

The Arlington Sports Foundation (Board of Directors, 2018)

Arlington County Bar Foundation (Board of Directors, 2013 – present)

Arlington County Bar Foundation (Treasurer and Chair of Investment Committee, 2016 – present)

Arlington County Bar Association (Board of Directors, 1992 – 2000; President, 1998 – 1999)

Virginia State Bar (Bar Council, 2001 – 2007; Standing Committee on Legal Ethics, 2001 – 2007)

Northern Virginia Bankruptcy Bar Association

Commissioner in Chancery for Arlington County Circuit Court

Arlington Street People's Network (Volunteer)

Beyond the Suit

Jennifer is the mother of two young adults, two cats and one crazy dog. When not in the courtroom litigating, she enjoys working out and gardening. She also aspires to improve her struggling golf game (see photo above).