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PRACTICE AREAS

Domestic Relations

Commercial & Civil
Litigation

Appellate Practice

Negligence/Personal
Injury

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Virginia, 1968

District of Columbia, 1970

Supreme Court of Virginia

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 property and 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

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

George Washington
University School of Law,
J.D., 1968

College of William &
Mary, A.B., 1965

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- How I Became an Award-Winning Sculptor
- Business Valuation in the Time of the Plague
- Do You Have a Pre-Nuptial Agreement that Has a Provision for Alimony?
- What Are My Options in a Divorce Besides Going to Court?
- Divorce, Child Support and Alimony
- Divorce and the Professional: Division of Property and Business Interests
- When You Are Divorced, What Happens to Child Custody if a Parent Moves?
- How Is Child Custody Determined?
- Emergency Points if a Divorce is Impending: Financial Accounts and Personal Property
- Marriage, Divorce and Your Business
- Adultery and the Fifth Amendment
- The Drafting of Property Settlement Agreements: DeMayo v. DeMayo – A Cautionary Tale
- Tips for Maximizing Alternative Dispute Resolution

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Dividing and Valuing Complex Assets in Divorce
Webinar - 1:00 - 2:30 pm EST, Wednesday, August 7, 2019

NEWS

- Fifteen Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2022 Best Lawyers in America and Five Attorneys Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
Thursday August 19, 2021
- 2021 Super Lawyers
Thursday May 6, 2021
- Thirteen Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2021 Best Lawyers in America and Three Attorneys Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
Thursday August 20, 2020
- 2020 Super Lawyers
Thursday May 7, 2020
- Eleven Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2020 Best Lawyers in America
Thursday August 15, 2019
- 2019 Super Lawyers
Thursday April 18, 2019
- Ten Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2019 Best Lawyers in America
Wednesday August 15, 2018
- Bean, Kinney & Korman Attorneys Recognized as 2018 Virginia Super Lawyers, Top 10 and Rising Stars
Monday April 30, 2018
- Nine Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2018 Best Lawyers in America
Tuesday August 22, 2017
- Fourteen Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2017 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Thursday April 13, 2017
- Eight Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2017 Best Lawyers in America
Monday August 15, 2016

- Eleven Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2016 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Thursday April 7, 2016
- James Korman Honored with William L. Winston Award
Monday September 28, 2015
- James Korman Named “Leader in the Law” By Virginia Lawyers Weekly
Wednesday August 26, 2015
- Eight Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2016 Best Lawyers in America
Monday August 17, 2015
- Twelve Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2015 Virginia Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Thursday April 9, 2015
- Eight Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Listed in 2015 Best Lawyers in America
Monday August 18, 2014
- Six Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2014 Virginia Super Lawyers
Friday June 13, 2014
- When power couples melt down
Politico, Friday May 9, 2014
- Six Attorneys Recognized as 2014 Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers
Friday April 25, 2014
- James Korman Awarded 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award
Monday March 10, 2014
- Arlington Attorney Korman Honored by Va. State Bar
Arlington Sun Gazette, Saturday March 8, 2014
- James Korman was quoted in “How Would Divorce Lawyers Mediate the Shutdown Debate?”
Washingtonian Magazine, Thursday October 10, 2013
- Eight Attorneys Recognized as 2014 Best Lawyers in America
Thursday August 15, 2013
- Six Attorneys Recognized as 2013 Virginia Super Lawyers
Monday June 17, 2013

- Dissecting the Stigma of Family Law: An Interview with Jim Korman
LAWS.com, Tuesday April 30, 2013
- Nine Attorneys Recognized as 2013 Best Lawyers
Thursday August 23, 2012
- Six Attorneys Recognized as 2012 Virginia Super Lawyers
Monday July 2, 2012
- James Korman and Timothy Hughes named among Virginia Business' Legal Elite
Friday December 2, 2011
- James Korman of Bean, Kinney & Korman recognized by Best Lawyers as Lawyer of the Year in Family Law
Friday October 21, 2011
- Seven Attorneys from Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as 2012 Best Lawyers
Friday September 9, 2011
- Four Attorneys Recognized as 2011 Virginia Super Lawyers
Thursday June 23, 2011
- Bean, Kinney & Korman Represents Winning Defendant DeMayo in a Case Involving A Complicated Property Settlement Agreement
Monday April 4, 2011
- Bean, Kinney & Korman Recognized as First-Tier Law Firm For Family Law and Family Law Mediation
Monday September 27, 2010
- Why I Became A Lawyer
Virginia State Bar, Monday August 31, 2009
- Doing Without D.C.
Legal Times, Monday June 5, 2000

BEYOND THE SUIT

When Jim isn't litigating divorce cases, he enjoys traveling with his wife, attending Washington football games and collecting political campaign buttons.