

# James W. Korman

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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

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

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent Rated, 2022

Northern Virginia Magazine, Top Lawyer, Divorce & Family, 2020

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,  
2019, 2020, 2021

Best Lawyers in America in Family Law, 1995 – 2022

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

Virginia Super Lawyers in Family Law, 2006 – 2021

Virginia Super Lawyers, Top 100 Lawyers, 2015 – present

Washington D.C. Super Lawyers in Family Law, 2007 – 2021

Virginia Business, Legal Elite in Family Law/Domestic Relations,  
2016, 2020

### **ADDITIONAL AWARDS**

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

### **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)

### **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**

- 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**

- 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.