



PRACTICE FOCUS

Gwendolyn’s practice in real estate law focuses on litigating landlord-tenant disputes, particularly, representing residential and commercial landlords of all sizes. She spends the majority of her time in court prosecuting and defending cases on behalf of large property management companies, medium to small business owners, and individual home owners. She competently and aggressively leads clients through the entire litigation process. Gwendolyn has also honed a specialty in resolving housing disputes for condominium and cooperative housing associations. Outside of the courtroom, she dedicates considerable time to the transactional sphere, which includes lease drafting, non-disclosure agreements, and confidential settlements outside of court.

Gwendolyn frequently conducts presentations on the nuances in landlord-tenant law across the three local jurisdictions (VA, MD, DC) and best practices for landlords to avoid a Fair Housing complaint.

"The litigation process in general can be deeply frustrating; but, it is particularly unique in the real estate realm where a myriad of factors outside the black letter of the law are at play. Clients turn to me to guide them through the process with fierce determination, a mindset for expedient resolution, and the grace and patience to handle any hurdles along the way."

— Gwendolyn Roy-Harrison

GWENDOLYN ROY-HARRISON

Principal, Baltimore

PRACTICE AREAS

- Fair Housing
- Landlord Representation
- Real Estate Law and Transactions

ACTIVITIES

- Board Member, Coalition of Women’s Initiatives in the Law, DC Chapter
- DC Bar Real Estate, Housing, and Land Use Section
- The Barristers (D.C. Chapter)
- Fairfax Bar Association
- D.C. Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES

- Co-Author, Evaluating Assistance Animal Requests Under the FHA, LexisNexis Law360
- Co-author, The Fair Housing Act: Enforcement Actions, LexisNexis Practical Guidance
- Co-author, The Fair Housing Act: Prohibited Practices, Types of Claims, and Compliance Strategies, LexisNexis Practical Guidance
- Presenter at Northern Virginia Apartment Association Seminar, *Virginia Evictions: Laws, Procedures, and Strategies*, October 2016, Arlington, VA
- Presenter at D.C. Landlord-Tenant Seminar, November 11, 2017, Washington D.C.
- Presenter at D.C. Landlord-Tenant Updates in the Law Seminar, February 14, 2018, Washington D.C.,
- Presenter at VA Landlord-Tenant Seminar, *VA Landlord-Tenant Laws and Fair Housing Concerns*, October 11, 2018, Leesburg, VA
- Presenter at Landlord-Tenant Seminar, *VA & MD Landlord-Tenant Updates in the Law*, March 27, 2019, Clarksburg, MD

POINTS OF DISTINCTION

- *Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch in America* - Real Estate Litigation, 2021
- Named to *Bethesda Magazine* Top Attorneys, Real Estate-Residential (recognition honors the region’s most respected legal practitioners, as chosen by their peers), 2021

PREVIOUS WORK

Prior to joining Offit Kurman, Gwendolyn worked for a long-standing real estate law firm in Arlington, Virginia, representing individual and corporate landlords in court in Virginia, Maryland, and D.C.

EDUCATION

- J.D. University of San Diego School of Law
- Lead Articles Editor, San Diego Law Review
- B.S. Mary Washington University

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- D.C.
- California
- Maryland

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