



PRACTICE FOCUS

As a litigation attorney in Offit Kurman’s Commercial Litigation Group, Kristen Kanaskie counsels businesses, entrepreneurs, and professionals through every stage of litigation. Ms. Kanaskie has significant experience in navigating complex business and other civil disputes, representing clients in breach of contract, tortious interference, business conspiracy, fraud, trade secrets, breach of fiduciary duty, negligent hiring, employment, and defamation actions. A keen problem-solver with a background in public relations, Ms. Kanaskie recognizes the personal considerations unique to each client and how they may be impacted in litigation. She provides practical, strategic, and productive solutions that take into account all of her clients’ interests so they may exceed their goals in litigation and beyond.

Ms. Kanaskie began her legal career as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Jonathan C. Thacher (Ret.) in the Fairfax County Circuit Court. As a law clerk in one of Virginia’s busiest and most demanding trial courts, Ms. Kanaskie gained unparalleled insight analyzing hundreds of legal issues, from compound business and zoning disputes, to personal injury and domestic matters. She also witnessed the costs, intricacies, and risks inherent in litigation and routinely draws on this experience when determining litigation strategies with her clients. Prior to joining Offit Kurman, Ms. Kanaskie developed a diverse civil litigation and appellate practice at a small law firm in Arlington, representing businesses and individuals in Virginia state and federal courts.

Ms. Kanaskie was named one of the 2021 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* in Commercial Litigation. This category lists extraordinary lawyers who have been in private practice for less than 10 years in the United States. Like traditional Best Lawyers awards, a Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch recognition is based entirely on peer review.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

- J.D., George Mason University School of Law
- B.A., Pennsylvania State University
- Virginia
- Supreme Court of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit