



IN MEMORIAM, DECEMBER 19, 1943 - JUNE 21, 2025
BURKE W. MARGULIES

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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, William & Mary Law School, 1967
Old Dominion University, 1965

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Virginia, 1967

OVERVIEW

In Memoriam

Burke Margulies joined our firm on July 1, 1975, and passed away on June 21, 2025. A mentor and friend, Burke was an icon at Pender & Coward and in the legal community.

Burke focused his practice in the areas of wills, trusts, estate planning and administration, and real estate.

Highly respected and sought after for his experience in estate planning, he advised clients on their options, skillfully drafted the appropriate documents to achieve their goals, and assisted with carrying out their planning objectives. He also assisted families in estate settlement and trust administration, as well as residential real estate matters.

Burke served six terms as Pender & Coward's CEO. Prior to joining the firm, he was employed as a Trust Officer at First Virginia Bank and Virginia National Bank. He was a contributing author to the American Bar Association's Real Property, Probate and Trust Journal, and was designated by the NAECP as an Accredited Estate Planner.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Virginia Bar Association, Trust & Estate Section
- Virginia Beach Bar Association

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- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association
- Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council

HONORS & AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America, Trust and Estates, 2018-2025, Real Estate Law, 2019-2025
- Coastal Virginia's Top Lawyers, Wills, Trusts & Estates, 2022-2025
- Virginia Beach Bar Association, Community Service Award, 2003
- Virginia Super Lawyers, 2008-2012
- Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, Pro Bono Award, 1998
- Hampton Roads Magazine, Five Star Wealth Manager

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Chesapeake Assistance Trust, Trustee
- Ames Charitable Foundation, Trustee
- Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council
- Jewish Family Services, Personal Affairs Management Committee
- Hampton Roads Down Syndrome Association, Advisory Board Member
- Tidewater Jewish Foundation, Advisory Committee Member
- Virginia Beach Community Trust, Chairman
- Virginia Beach Trust for Psychiatrically Disabled, Chairman
- Make-A-Wish Foundation, Past Director
- United Way of South Hampton Roads, Past Advisory Board Member
- Tidewater Community College, Past Advisory Committee Member
- Virginia Hotel and Motel Association, Past Director

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